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## Bush can't confirm Iraqi nuclear report

WASHINGTON, April 1. (Agencies): President George Bush said yesterday the United States strongly opposes the proliferation of nuclear weapons, but he emphasised he did not want to give credibility to reports that Iraq is building an atomic warhead for a missile that could reach Israel.

"I don't want to give credence to the fact

that Iraq is in the process of building nuclear weapons. I cannot confirm that," Bush told reporters.

"Anytime you see representations that there will be nuclear proliferation, it has got to concern us. We will be making those representations if we feel it's about to take place to any country," he said.

The Washington Post reported in yes-

terday's editions that Iraq was building a nuclear warhead for a missile that could carry it to targets in Israel.

Asked about the Post report, State Department spokesman Richard Boucher said US would view any nuclear development by Iraq with "grave concern," but declined to say whether US would condemn Israel if it struck centres Israeli

officials had claimed could produce nuclear weapons.

Peppered with a barrage of questions Boucher said: "The fact that Iraq may seek to acquire nuclear capability, or the prospect that Iraq may seek to acquire the nuclear capability, is something that would be of grave concern to us and something we've been watching very carefully."

## Family visa transfer to be studied individually

THE transfer of the family residence permit to a work residence will be studied on an individual basis by the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour, according to a local daily.

The ministry will study applications of persons who have valid residence permits according to Article 22 (family residence) and want to be allowed to transfer their residence to work permits according to Article 18.

In interpreting the new labour law, the ministry will consider the family circumstances of the applicant and the need of his particular services.

The new law is on a three-month trial period and the ministry is ready to co-operate with all relevant authorities to amend any article of the law which is detrimental, the daily said.

## IPI protests

LONDON, April 1. (Reuter): The International Press Institute has protested to Colombia, El Salvador, Romania and Israel against a series of incidents in which journalists were killed, detained or impersonated by the security forces.

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## WEATHER

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Ahmad: 11°C 52°F  
Fallaka: 13°C 55°F  
Maximum temperatures expected:  
Kuwait: 35°C 77°F  
Fallaka: 35°C 75°F  
Maximum humidity recorded:  
Kuwait: 42 percent  
Fallaka: 52 percent

## only after border cuts

1. (KUNA): Health Dr. Abdel Razak said import of dish antenna for reception of TV programmes via satellite is not allowed at present. He added however, special individual cases are being considered.

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Commenting on the spread of dish antennas in the country, he said they were being used for reception only.

## Sat TV on case-by-case basis

Dish hopes dashed

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): Communications Minister Abdalla Al Sharhan has said that import of dish antenna for reception of TV programmes via satellite is not allowed at present. He added however, special individual cases are being considered.

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Ahdal: murdered

## Makkah burial for moderate imam

JEDDAH, April 1. (Agencies): Abdullah Al Ahdal, the 36-year-old Muslim preacher murdered in Brussels three days ago, was buried today in Makkah, Islam's holiest city where he was born and where his parents still live.

Ahdal's body was flown to Saudi Arabia by a special jet sent at the orders of King Fahd.

Leading the funeral services was Abdulrahman Naseef, the secretary-general of the Muslim World League (MWL).

Ahdal was killed on the premises of the MWL-financed mosque in Brussels to which he was seconded

as preacher by the league. He was considered head of the Muslim community in Brussels, the Netherlands and Luxembourg.

Ahdal and his aide, the mosque's Tunisian librarian Salim Bahri, were shot in the head and chest. The body of the aide was flown to his home country.

Belgian authorities are still investigating the killing.

MWL said today it had sent a cleric to replace Ahdal and had stepped up security for the new man.

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## Call for purge of Iranian liberals

Renewed mood of militancy

NICOSIA, April 1. (Agencies): Iran's hardline interior minister called today for a purge of liberals and dissidents in government and backed the removal of Ayatollah Khomeini's moderate successor designate, S.

In a speech at a Tehran rally marking Iran's Islamic Republic Day, Ali Akbar Mohtashemi said Iranians working for the United States and Britain had tried to push the country toward the West since the August ceasefire in the Gulf war with Iraq.

He also vowed that action would be taken against women who failed to observe hijab, the strict Islamic dress code.

"Death to the hijabists," chanted the fist-waving crowd gathered in Imam Hussein Square in east Tehran.

Mohtashemi's speech reflected Iran's renewed mood of militancy following the removal of Ayatollah Hossein Ali Montazeri, chosen in 1985 to succeed Khomeini as supreme leader.

Khomeini on Tuesday accepted the resignation of Montazeri, a long-time associate who had become an outspoken critic of the government, saying he was not fit for the job.

"The principle is what is in the interest of the system. There is no bond of brotherhood with anyone," Mohtashemi said about Montazeri's withdrawal which has left Khomeini, 86, with no official successor.

"Anyone who moves towards hurting the revolution or is influenced by the deception of groupists, liberals or hypocrites will face the anger of Islam."

Tehran Radio quoted Mohtashemi as saying that since the ceasefire, infiltrators and internal agents of arrogance headed by the United States and Britain ... devised various plans to push the country towards the West and injured the heart of Iranian people with alluring Western slogans.

"They must be identified and severed from the system."

Iranian clerical leaders have carried out several purges of pre-revolution officials and supporters of groups which fell out of favour since the Islamic republic was proclaimed on April 1, 1979 — two months after the Shah's government was toppled.

Khomeini in February reversed tentative moves to open Iran

either officially sanctioned independents, members of the country's Baathist Socialist Party, or representing small government Kurdish groups.

Government officials, brushing aside criticism even in heavy controlled newspapers that candidates appeared to have no clear policies and that the election was not being fought over any particular issue, reported a high turnout.

They said results would start coming in late today.

Showing no more than their face and hands in public, had become relatively lax in the post-ceasefire atmosphere.

The removal of Montazeri, along with the resignations of Deputy Foreign Minister Mohammad Javad Larjani and UN Ambassador Mohammad Jaafar Mahallati, indicated Khomeini's determination to revive flagging revolutionary fervour.

Larjani and Mahallati, both American-educated, played key roles in Iran's acceptance of UN Security Council Resolution 598 halting the Gulf war.

Arab League has asked Arab states with embassies in Tehran to do what they can to counter alleged military co-operation between Iran and Israel and to prevent Iranian Jews emigrating to Israel.

No strings: Solarz

## Pass aid bill, Cory asks Hill

MANILA, April 1. (Agencies): Philippine President Corazon Aquino today urged the US Congress to approve legislation giving \$200 million in aid to her cash-starved government because it would send a "signal to the rest of the world."

Aquino made the statement during a luncheon meeting with two US congressmen visiting her country.

The contribution the US proposes to make, while small in relation to the total assistance required, is critical, for it sends a signal to the rest of the world," Aquino said. "We hope that signal is sent. Needless to say a change of heart would send another signal to these countries and still another message to our own people."

Philippine officials estimate the country would need some \$10 billion in assistance in order to spur economic recovery.

Several countries, including Japan, France, Australia and some West European countries, had indicated their willingness to join the aid programme, but only the United States has so far announced a specific amount as its contribution to the aid plan.

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Firing tear-gas

An Israeli soldier fires tear-gas as Palestinians throw stones at troops during a funeral procession for an Arab youth shot several hours earlier. (Reuters photo)

See two die in unrest

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## 40 killed in Namibia clash

WINDHOEK, Namibia, April 1. (UPI): An ambitious UN programme bringing independence to Namibia teetered on collapse within hours of taking effect today, as South Africa reported 40 people killed in clashes overnight between police and SWAPO guerrillas.

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## Roosevelt a man of action: Bush

WASHINGTON, April 1. (UPI): President Bush gave an impromptu assessment of some of his predecessors yesterday, calling Teddy Roosevelt "a man of some action," Dwight Eisenhower "a hero" and Harry Truman "a man who spoke his mind."

But he delivered his biggest tribute to Ronald Reagan, describing his former boss as an uncomplaining leader who stood by "certain principles" and who left office with most people saying: "Hey, he did a good job."

A reflective Bush made the comments at a luncheon with 50 out-of-town reporters when asked by one journalist to name his "two favourite great presidents."

"First, I'd make a point that everybody looks better over time," Bush said, drawing laughter. Even Herbert Hoover, said Bush, quickly adding, however, that this much-maligned president was not his model.

"A model would be Teddy Roosevelt. He comes out of the same elitist background that I do," Bush said. "And he had the same commitment to the environment that I do... he was a man of some action."

Bush said he has "great respect for Eisenhower... he was a hero." He led Allied forces during World War II and who brought "to the presidency a certain stability."

Standing in the east room, before a painting of Abraham Lincoln, Bush said: "I think almost all Americans put Lincoln on that list [of great presidents] some place."

Asked if there were any Democrats on his list, Bush said, "well, I respect things about Harry Truman... he was tough and said what he thought."

## Thousands pay homage to Zita

VIENNA, April 1. (UPI): Thousands of people converged on Vienna's city centre today to pay final respects to Europe's last empress, Zita, mourning her with all the pageantry of a monarch that vanished more than 70 years ago.

In an outpouring of sentiment for the Hapsburg Empire that crumbled after World War I, up to 2,000 people an hour moved by the velvet-draped coffin containing Zita's remains after it was brought to the landmark St Stephen's Cathedral yesterday.

Souvenir sellers outside the cathedral did a brisk trade in portraits of Zita as a young beauty and souvenir T-shirts before the start of a requiem mass in the cathedral that climaxed a week of ceremonies for the former empress. Black flags hung from several buildings in the city centre.

As the hour for the funeral approached, unusually warm and sunny weather gave way to rain and dark clouds, matching the somber mood inside the cathedral.

Hundreds of people who had thronged behind metal barriers outside the cathedral sought shelter at a neighbouring subway station.

Millions more were thought to be watching live transmission of Austrian television, which set aside 4-1/2 hours to broadcast the funeral and burial in a nearby imperial vault.

Zita's funeral, on the anniversary of the death of her husband, Emperor Charles I, in exile in 1922, was planned to be the most elaborate since 1916, when the then still existing empire buried Karl's father, Emperor Franz Joseph.

All the Roman Catholic royal families of Europe sent representatives to the funeral. But no reigning monarchs attended.

At a mass led by Cardinal Hans-Hermann Greer, who termed the ceremony a "burial by the people" All the languages of the Hapsburg monarchy German, Italian, Hungarian, Czech, Croat, Slovenian and Polish sounded in the intercessions read for Zita. She died two weeks ago in Switzerland at age 96.

## Democracy helps Pakistan to foster ties with India

NEW DELHI, April 1. (KUNA): The emergence of democracy in Pakistan has helped that country's leadership to start looking at Indo-Pak relations from a more positive angle, says annual report of the Indian External Affairs Ministry.

Though the Indo-Pak problems, which have existed for

long, might not lend themselves to instant solution, the affirmation by Benazir Bhutto to resolve all bilateral problems within the framework of the Simla agreement has come as a welcome prelude to the normalisation of relations, it added.

Affirming that India is keen to work for an accelerated, normal-

isation of relations with Pakistan. The report hopes, that the impetus given to the relations by the meeting between the two prime ministers could be sustained.

However, this will depend in a large measure on how Pakistan responds to India's major concerns, particularly its support to

"terrorist activities against India, clandestine weapons-oriented nuclear programme, acquisition of sophisticated weapons far beyond its genuine defence requirements, reluctance to increase people to people contacts and its unwillingness to enter into non-discriminatory trade relations with India."

Regarding China, the report says Rajiv's visit to that country last year was a major event that provided a new vitality and impetus to the relations.

It was recognised that improvement of relations between the two countries would not only be in the fundamental interest of the two peoples but a significant contributory factor to peace in Asia and the world.

Noting that both the countries had expressed their determination to settle the boundary dispute peacefully, the report says that friendly and durable co-operation between India and China has major implications for global peace and detente.

## Bodo tribals kill 5 in bloody trail of violence

GAUHATI, April 1. (Agencies): Tribal militants in northeast India committed several murders and sabotaged railroads for the past five days to press their demand for a separate state, officials said yesterday.

The militants have killed at least five non-tribals, derailed trains and set on fire 17 loaded trucks, said the officials.

The separatists, who are believed to belong to the All Bodo Students Union, killed at least four people on Thursday, day, said. Among the victims was a soldier slain during an attack on an Army ambulance.

An officer of the federal government's intelligence bureau was shot and killed by the militants on Wednesday.

The Bodo tribals are demanding a separate homeland on the northern bank of the Brahmaputra River in Assam, a remote and hilly state bordering Bangladesh and Bhutan.

The proposed Bodoland would cover about one-third of Assam. Mostly prime forest and cultivable land.

"Our demand for a homeland would not be compromised," the leader of the militants, Phukan Chandra Bodo, said.

"It is a struggle for self-determination of the Bodos. We will resort to any means to achieve our goal for a separate state," he said in a telephone interview.

According to state government officials, at least 114 people have been killed since February in the separatist campaign.

The victims have been mainly non-tribal villagers in the Bodo-dominated Kokrajhar district and Udaguri area of neighbouring Darrang district.

"Bodos attacked our village last week to retaliate after a police crackdown and destroyed 38 houses," said Lankeshwar Nath, a non-tribal resident of Majkhuti village in Udaguri.

"Since the government failed to protect us, we are now trying to organise self-defence," he said.

● In a separate development, a powerful bomb exploded yesterday outside a missionary-run hospital in the Indian capital city of New Delhi, injuring four people, police said.

The blast prompted police to sound the top "red alert" across the Indian capital and increased patrolling. Road blocks were set up at the city's major traffic intersections.

## Seoul asked not to arrest Moon

TOKYO, April 1. (UPI): North Korea warned South Korea today not to arrest a South Korean dissident in the middle of an unauthorized diplomatic visit to Pyongyang, the capital of the communist North, when he returns home in a few days.

South Korean officials have vowed to arrest the Rev Moon Il Hwan, 71, when he returns from his meetings with North Korean President Kim Il Sung.

The South Korean officials, who were shocked by the clandestine visit, say Moon violated the national security law, which bans unauthorized contacts with North Korea, and will be arrested.

North Korea said Moon's arrest will lead to a deterioration of the already tense relations between the two Koreas.

"If they (South Korean officials) persecute Moon and continuously resort to anti-communist confrontation despite our warning, it will bring grave consequences to the dialogue and relations between the North and the South as a whole," said the North Korean Committee for Peaceful Reunification in a statement distributed by the (North) Korean Central News Agency and monitored in Tokyo.

Moon left Seoul on March 20 and arrived in Pyongyang on March 25 after stops in Tokyo and Beijing.

## Polish party endorses accord

WARSAW, April 1. (AP): Communist Party leaders yesterday endorsed accords reached in talks with opposition leaders announced plans for a May 10 parliament election.

The Communist Party Committee also agreed to a closed party, departments were to be reorganized, and welcome participation by non-party members.

The meeting of the 230-member central committee came nearly two months after the start of the discussions with opposition leaders, referred to as round-table talks.

### Colombo awaits political consensus

## Truce offer delayed

COLOMBO, April 1. (AP): The government yesterday has held back a proposed ceasefire offer to leftist rebels because political consensus could not be reached, a ruling party member said.

A joint statement signed by four major parties in Parliament was put together late on Thursday but it was not released because the opposition United Socialists refused to sign it, said the member of the ruling United National Party.

"We need an absolute political consensus on this crucial national issue," he said.

Foreign Minister Ranjan Wijeratne had said on Wednesday that a peace deal will be offered by Friday to the Sinhalese rebels who are campaigning to topple the government.

The extremists, belonging to the Marxist People's

Liberation Front, have been blamed for more than 2,500 political killings since January. Most of the victims have been government supporters and security officials.

The independent Sun newspaper said yesterday the peace package would be a unilateral government ceasefire and an appeal to the rebels to surrender their weapons.

But opposition and ruling party members haggled over the wording of the joint appeal, aborting the offer, said Attada Seneviratne of the opposition United Socialist alliance.

The joint appeal was signed by the United National Party, the Sri Lanka Freedom Party, the Tamil United Liberation Front and the Sri Lanka Muslim Congress, the ruling party member said.

## 1,000 strike in Al Qurain

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the leader and did not utter a word. "They (Bangladeshis) just joined us," said a skilled worker.

A Thai foreman said the labourers "don't want to create trouble; we just want to be paid and we'll go back to work."

Only the Thais and the Pakistanis said they are in touch with the embassies. The others said they stopped work yesterday and could not inform their embassies.

A group of Arab workers contacted the labour department at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour and were asked by ministry officials to return after three days to lodge a complaint, the workers claimed.

Until December, the labourers had been getting their wages on time, they said. Some of the workers have been in Kuwait since June 1987.

The project director of the company, speaking to workers, said the main cause for non-payment of salaries is due to the failure of NHA in paying the first and second instalments of the contracts, amounting to KD181,000 and KD315,000 respectively.

The company official claims that the NHA "has been stalling the issue by giving false pretexts."

He said: "The NHA wants proof that the company had paid the salaries of workers before releasing the contract value to the company. How can the company make such payments without receiving their dues from NHA?"

The NHA supervisor, overseeing the project, said: "The company has not fulfilled the conditions of the construction contract and will not be entitled to get any dues."

The labourers told the Arab Times they would not resume work until they are paid. "Ramadan starts this week and we have to send home some money," said a Pakistani labourer.

The United Building Company is constructing 400 houses in Al Qurain for low and middle-income groups.

Some 900 Indian workers, employed by another contractor, had struck work in January for non-payment of dues. The problem was settled after the contractor agreed to pay a part of their wages and the labourers are to be repatriated later this month.

## Beirut truce call ignored

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tions, to respond favourably to the appeals launched for an effective ceasefire and to avoid any action that might further heighten the tension," it said.

The White House has received an appeal for help from Aoun, but President Bush has not responded to it, a White House spokesman said yesterday.

White House Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater confirmed that a letter from Aoun had been received. "We do have it, although it has not been reviewed or has not gone to the President yet," Fitzwater said. "But it has reached the White House."

Fitzwater declined to comment further on the reported request for help in the war-torn city of Beirut.

Asked about serious Syrian shelling in the capital, the spokesman said: "The US government is deeply concerned about the heavy exchange of shelling and consequent activities in Lebanon."

In Tehran, Interior Minister Ali Akbar Mohammadi warned the US and other Western powers against interfering in the Lebanese conflict lest they be targeted by suicide attacks.

Teheran Radio, quoted Mohammadi as warning the US that it wants "to enter Lebanon at (Gen. Michel) Aoun's invitation. Muslims would do what they did in 1983 against the US aggressors."

Muslim militia leaders have expressed fears that Aoun may call for the deployment of an international force to halt the conflict with Syria's allies.

## Pass aid bill, Cory asks Hill

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the two issues would be "counterproductive" because other countries would not contribute to an economic programme that is linked to the bases.

Solarz said in Manila: "During the course of our discussion with Aquino today, we made it very clear that there is no formal linkage between the PAP (Philippines Aid Plan) and the base agreement."

■ Ousted Philippine President Ferdinand Marcos, indicted on fraud charges, has asked the US government to pay medical bills of about \$200,000, one of his lawyers said yesterday.

The lawyer said Marcos' wife Imelda had been borrowing money from friends to pay the bills but could no longer manage.

## Most profitable Bulgaria launders drug money

NEW YORK, April 1. (Reuters): Bulgaria was accused yesterday in a magazine article of laundering more than \$2 billion a year for drug dealers and earning up to \$10 million annually for the service.

The article in Forbes Magazine said the money-laundering scheme had the approval of the Bulgarian government and had become one of the most profitable hard-currency earners the communist bloc nation had.

Simeon Darpagov, press attaché at the Bulgarian embassy in Washington, denied the charges against his country.

"I have not seen the article but from what you told me it is not the truth. We have good co-operation with the State Department in the common struggle against narcotics and narcotics dealing," he said.

The article by Forbes European correspondent Peter Fuhrman said that Bulgaria was so successful in laundering the cash that neighbouring Romania was thinking of going into the business.

Fuhrman said the laundered money came from Turkish drug dealers who controlled the heroin trade from Asia minor to Western Europe and the United States.

He said that the Istanbul-based drug dealers deposited their money with jewellery shops in that city's covered bazaars which act as bankers for illegally obtained foreign currency.

The money was then secreted across the Turkish-Bulgarian border where it was counted and sorted by three non-Bulgarian intermediaries who pay the Bulgarian government between one dollar and three dollars for every \$1,000 of foreign currency brought into Bulgaria.

The article said the current was taken by Bulgarian officials to Sofia airport where it was whisked through customs without any checks and flown directly to Switzerland.

There is deposited to the accounts of several money dealers and then exchanged for gold.

The bullion was then sent back to Bulgaria where the ingots were stored at the headquarters of a state trading company, Forbes said.

### Family poisoned

CICCiano, Italy, April 1 (AP): Three people died and 10 of their relatives were hospitalized after they ate food or drink water tainted with the weed killer paraquat, health officials said yesterday.

The council's members "urge all the parties to put an immediate end to the confrontations."

Earlier, the group presented a

## Botha threatens to scrap UN forces

### 40 killed in Namibian clash

WINDHOEK, April 1. (Reuters): South African Foreign Minister Pik Botha threatened to expel UN forces in Namibia, alleging a serious clash between guerrillas and police at the Angolan border.

Botha said in a statement that up to 60 South West Africa People's Organisation (SWAPO) guerrillas had defied a UN-sponsored ceasefire which took effect early today by crossing into Namibia from Angola. He said 38 of the SWAPO guerrillas had been killed. He said two Namibian police officers were killed and 14 were wounded in the fighting.

The head of the UN force, Martti Ahonen, ordered a team of four senior military, civilian and police personnel to the border to investigate the clash and told them to report to him, a UN spokesman said.

"The special representative considers this a very serious development and is giving it highest priority," the spokesman said.

News of the clash came today as tens of thousands of Namibians celebrated the first day of operation of the UN Transition Assistance Group (UNTAG) which is overseeing South Africa's decolon

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Top UN council post**  
UNITED NATIONS, April 1, (Reuter): Soviet chief delegate Aleksandr Belonogov took over the presidency of the UN Security Council today. He is expected to press for a council meeting on the Afghan situation.

He said on Wednesday the United Nations should do a better job in monitoring violations of the agreement the world body brokered last April. The Soviet Union and Afghanistan want UN military observers deployed on the frontier between Afghanistan and Pakistan.

**AIDS in Europe**

GENEVA, April 1, (KUNA): The number of AIDS cases in Switzerland had risen to 782, as of the beginning of March, the Swiss Public Health Office said yesterday.

Switzerland, with a population of 6.5 million, has one of the highest number of AIDS victims per head in any European country.

In the 28 East and West European countries there have been a total of 19, 196 AIDS cases reported to the World Health Organisation. France heads the list, with 5,655, followed by Italy at 3,008, West Germany at 2,885 and Spain at 2,165.

**Sale blocked**

INDIANAPOLIS, USA, April 1, (Reuter): Four sixth century mosaics valued at millions of dollars will not be sold until a trial can be held to determine if they were taken from a church in Cyprus illegally, lawyers said yesterday.

The antiquities dealer who bought the mosaics last year in Switzerland consented in an agreement filed in court yesterday not to sell, move or otherwise alter the artworks until a judge can rule on the ownership question, said John Hoover, a lawyer representing the Greek Cypriot government.

**Japan donates**

TOKYO, April 1, (AP): Japan yesterday donated \$41.11 million to finance United Nations peacekeeping activities in the Middle East and Africa, the Foreign Ministry said.

The total amount breaks down into \$15.33 million for the UN Interim Force in Lebanon, \$3.84 million for the UN disengagement observer force in the Golan Heights in Syria, \$7.37 million for the UN Iran-Iraq Military Observer Group, \$1.02 million for the UN Angola Verification Mission and \$13.55 million for the UN Transition Assistance Group in Namibia.

**Mitterrand visit**

PARIS, April 1, (UPI): French President Francois Mitterrand will visit the United States from May 20 to 21 at the invitation of President Bush, the Elysee Palace said yesterday.

Mitterrand will have a meeting with Bush at the Bush family home in Maine May 20. The following day the French leader will attend ceremonies to mark the 150th anniversary of the foundation of the University of Boston where he will receive an honorary doctorate.

**Scholar exchange**

WASHINGTON, April 1, (AP): The Soviet government and a group of US universities yesterday signed what they termed a landmark agreement paving the way for unprecedented exchanges of foreign affairs scholars and professionals.

The agreement covers 13 American universities with schools of international affairs and two training institutes operated by the Soviet Ministry of Foreign Affairs, never before open to Americans.

**A mean cuisine**

GENEVA, April 1, (Reuter): If you live in Europe you stand a reasonable chance of suffering from salmonella food poisoning but are very unlikely to die from it, according to figures issued by the World Health Organisation (WHO) yesterday.

The information followed after a major row in Britain where the government said at least 23 people died last year from egg-related salmonella. The junior Health Minister, Edwina Currie, was forced to resign in December after saying most British egg production was infected.

The figures emerged from consultations with scientists from 14 countries and from international organisations. The salmonella bacteria, often passed on by hens, causes infection in humans marked by severe diarrhoea.

The WHO figures show that more than one in 500 people in Europe are likely to be infected this year but the chances of dying are about one in a million.



Dr Jessica Porter has her hands full as she gives a warm soapy bath to an oil covered sea bird. Reuter wirephoto

**FBI enters spill probe****Dying drift in**

VALDEZ, Alaska, April 1, (UPI): The FBI yesterday joined the investigation of America's worst oil spill as sea otters and birds continued dying a slow death in the waters of Prince William Sound fouled by 11 million gallons (41.6 million l) of crude oil.

The weeklong disaster also dealt an economic blow to Alaskan fishing industry as state officials issued emergency orders yesterday cancelling planned fishing seasons called fisheries, for salmon and shrimp in the ecologically sensitive area.

Fisheries officials also planned to decide today afternoon whether to close the multimillion-dollar season for herring, a valuable product on the Japanese market.

Biologists reported the nation's worst oil spill was taking its toll on wildlife as hundreds of birds and other tar-coated animals were dead or dying.

"We're never going to have a body count," said Everett Robinson-Wilson, a US fish and wildlife biologist. "We're never going to be able to tell how many animals die out there. Some sink, some float."

Day 7 of the spill saw the first animals brought in — 10 oily sea otters and 27 birds — to a makeshift rescue centre in the town's community college.

The FBI entered the investigation to determine if the spill violates the Clean Water Act by constituting a negligent discharge of a pollutant into navigable waters of the United States.

Bureau spokesman Bill Carter said in Washington: "This investigation is being fully co-ordinated with the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Justice, Land and Natural Resources Division, the US Coast Guard, the National Transport-

**Chimp tears off UK toddler's arm**

FOLKESTONE, England, April 1, (AP): A caged chimpanzee tore off the forearm of a two-year-old boy yesterday when the youngster reached in to pet the animal at a zoo, authorities said.

Surgeons were unable to reattach Matthew McDaid's arm, a spokeswoman for Queen Victoria Hospital said. She said the child was in satisfactory condition.

Matthew was with his parents and grandparents at the Port Lympne Zoo park near the southeastern coastal city of Folkestone when he approached the cage that contained Bustah. A 28-year-old male, and other apes.

Matthew put his left arm into the cage, and

NEW YORK, April 1, (AP): An experimental apparatus to harness fusion power at room temperature has so far produced only about one ten-trillionth the energy needs of an electric toothbrush, but it gives hope, a researcher says.

"I think we have a new approach to fusion," said Steven Jones of Brigham Young University in Provo, Utah.

But he cautioned that the experimental results still must be scrutinised and confirmed by other scientists, and stressed that the apparent power output was very low.

**Purge begins****Police on high alert for unrest in Kosovo**

PRISTINA, Yugoslavia, April 1, (Reuter): Yugoslav police stood guard against possible further unrest in Kosovo province on Saturday, the anniversary of bloody riots in 1981, as the region's communists ordered a purge of all major institutions.

Twenty-four people are officially reported to have died this week in the worst ethnic unrest in Yugoslavia since World War II, as ethnic Albanians protested against constitutional changes limiting Kosovo's autonomy within Serbia.

A party document expected to be adopted by the Kosovar Communist Party's Central Committee later on Saturday said it should "determine concrete individual responsibilities in all social and political institutions in the province."

The purge is to be carried out by April 20 and party branches risk sanctions if they do not comply.

At the Central Committee meeting in the provincial capital Pristina, 220 km (135 miles) south of Belgrade, Politburo member Ilijaz Ramajliji said many activists behind the region's troubles remained in office.

"Ideological and political differentiation is assignment number one," he said. The terminology commonly means a purge of officials.

Former Kosovo Party chief Azem Vlasi and other officials were arrested in February and face possible charges of counter-revolution, which carries a maximum penalty of death.

Although the latest protests have subsided over the past four days, Pristina remained tense and officials said they were ready for more trouble.

Armoured vehicles stood before strategic buildings in towns across the predominantly ethnic Albanian province as armed police in full riot gear patrolled the streets.

Serbia, Yugoslavia's largest republic, approved measures giving it greater control over Kosovo, a constituent part of the republic which has enjoyed self-rule since 1974.

The cuts, promoted by Serbian Communist Party leader Slobodan Milosevic, were to permit a crackdown on alleged nationalists among the province's ethnic Albanian population accused of driving minority Serbs from their homes.

"Organised hostile forces are not quiet yet and are announcing new actions to mark the eighth anniversary of counter-revolutionary demonstrations," said Kosovo Interior Minister Jusuf Karakush.

He was referring to the 1981 socialist riots which led to martial law.

**Sea change in Malta splash**

VALLETTA, Malta, April 1, (AP): The armed forces commander Brig. John Spiteri was hit on the head with his own ceremonial sword and pushed into the sea by a group of about 20 Socialist Party supporters during a "Freedom Day" parade yesterday.

Prune Minister Eddie Fenech Adami said the incident turned a "national holiday into a day of shame." He also cancelled all the remaining official events for the holiday.

Witnesses said Spiteri was receiving the salute from the parade in the nearby Port of Victoria when the crowd edged him toward the sea struck him with his sword and shoved him into the water.

The boy was dragged back from the bars, and the Chimp was stunned with a tranquilizer dart when he would not let keepers take the arm from his cage.

The boy was first taken by ambulance to the William Harvey Hospital in Ashford, Kent, and his arm was rushed there by police. Then Matthew and the severed arm, packed in ice, were taken by helicopter to East Grinstead's Queen Victoria Hospital, 55 miles (90 kilometres) west of Folkestone.

**More hope than energy from fusion**

Even if the results are confirmed, it would take many years before the process could be put to practical use, he said.

Jones spoke yesterday at a physics colloquium and later press conference at Columbia University in New York.

In Salt Lake City, one of two researchers who first announced the discovery, B. Stanley Pons, said yesterday he had found no chemical explanation for the process by which he achieved sustained, controlled nuclear fusion in a simple experiment.

"It cannot be explained by any known

chemical process," said Pons, a professor at the University of Utah. "I can conceive of no other process other than a nuclear process" to explain the results.

Fusion is the process that powers the sun and stars where tremendous amounts of energy are released when the nucleus, or core, of one hydrogen atom fuses with the nucleus of another hydrogen atom.

In contrast, today's nuclear power plants get energy from fission, which is the splitting of atoms.

Standard fusion experiments use extremely high temperatures to get the hydrogen atoms to fuse. But Jones, Pons and Pons' colleague, Martin Fleischmann of the University of Southampton in England, announced recently that they had independently found a simple way to produce fusion reactions at room temperature.

Essentially, they used electrical current to heat hydrogen atoms into metal electrodes, where the hydrogen atoms apparently fused.

**AI hits Soviet's psy'con system**

LONDON, April 1, (Reuter): Amnesty International said on yesterday the Soviet Union still imprisoned political dissidents in psychiatric hospitals despite reforms implemented after Western criticism.

In a news briefing ahead of Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev's visit to Britain next week, the London-based human rights group said it believed at least nine people were confined for political activity in psychiatric institutions last year.

"Despite the rapidly evolving human rights situation in the USSR ... Soviet authorities still imprison many citizens whose conscience has led them to dissent peacefully from official policies and apply compulsory psychiatric measures to others," an Amnesty spokesman said.

Yesterday the World Psychiatric Association (WPA) meeting in Granada, Spain, announced it had provisionally re-admitted the Soviet Union, five years after Moscow pulled out over Western accusations it used mental hospitals to lock up dissidents.

The decision angered some WPA delegates who said the Soviet Union should have been asked to prove it had ended its alleged practice of confining political dissidents in psychiatric institutions, observers said.

"In practice the reforms do not appear to have been implemented effectively," the Amnesty spokesman said. "At least one prisoner of conscience was refused his right to a court diagnosis in a Moscow hospital in July 1982."

"Others freed from special psychiatric hospitals said there was no change in conditions or staff there after the laws were introduced."

He said Amnesty knew of about 25 people whom it believed to be dissidents being held against their will for indefinite periods in psychiatric institutions.

Earlier this month, US doctors were allowed an unprecedented two-week examination of Soviet psychiatry but they declined to discuss Western charges that authorities continue to incarcerate dissidents in mental hospitals.

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**Carter critical of citizen Reagan's dock dodge**

WASHINGTON, April 1, (UPI): The judge at Oliver North's trial quashed a subpoena for ex-president Ronald Reagan to appear as a witness, ruling yesterday that Iran-Contra testimony from Reagan is not essential to his former aide's defence.

US District Judge Gerhard Gesell, who later rejected a defense motion to dismiss the charges against the ex-White House aide, threw out North's demand for Reagan's testimony in an order that said North did not demonstrate a "material and essential" need for the former chief executive to testify.

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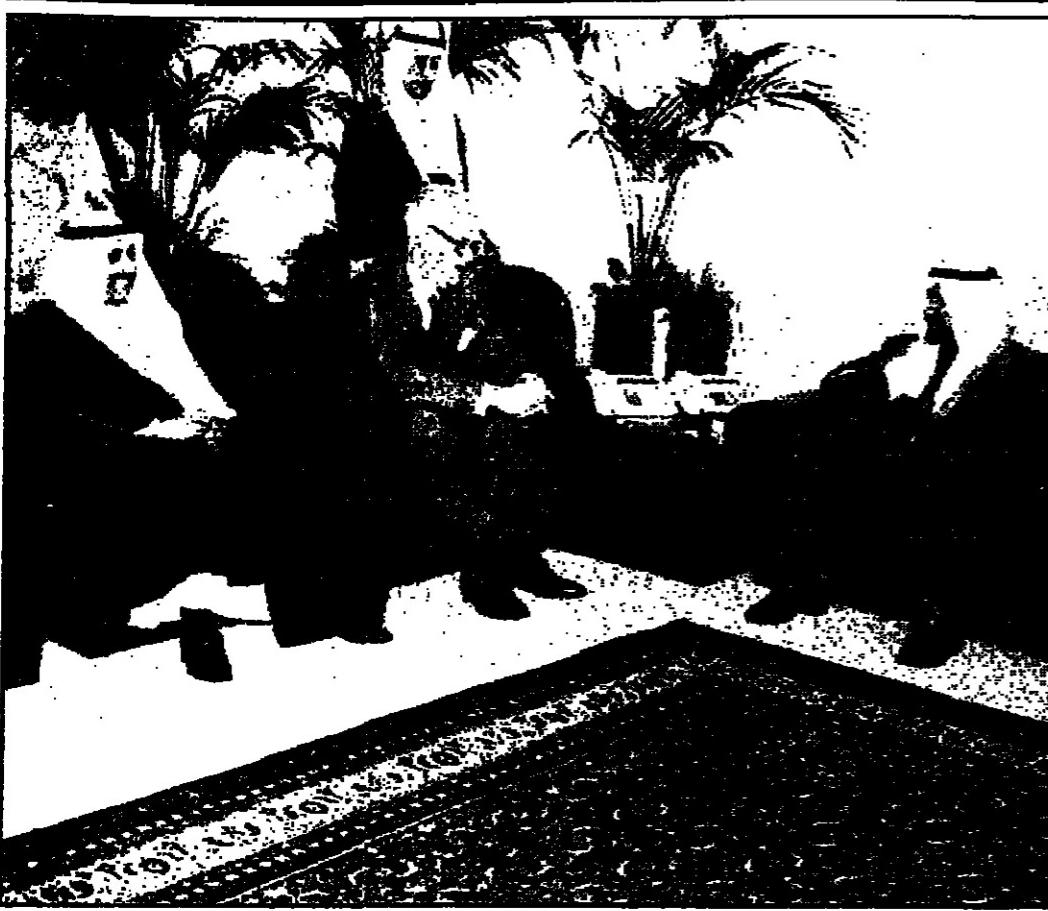
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HH the Amir with British Home Secretary Douglas Hurd and Kuwaiti Interior Minister Sheikh Salem.

Hurd in talks with officials

**Crime information swap proposed**By Diane Diaz  
Arab Times staff

KUWAIT and Britain are forging closer ties, as both countries work to combat international terrorism and drug trafficking, according to a visiting British official.

Douglas Hurd, the British Home Secretary, said the two countries will strengthen co-operation "in very specific areas of police work." However, Hurd declined to go into any detail about the co-operation agreement, saying it would be revealed over time.

Hurd's comments came at a press conference yesterday evening. The British secretary, reluctant to give specifics about his meetings with Kuwaiti officials, responded to reporters' questions with general, often vague statements.

He said the two countries were working toward a

"quick and accurate" exchange of information on issues involving international crime.

**Confidence**

That includes building confidence between the agencies involved and getting to know each other on the personal level, he said.

The two countries will also share information on the techniques they use to combat terrorist activity and drug smuggling, he added.

Hurd arrived in Kuwait Friday evening on the leg of his eight-day, four-country tour of the Gulf. He met with HH the Amir, the minister of foreign affairs, and his Kuwaiti counterpart, Sheikh Salem Sabah Al Salem, the minister of the interior.

Hurd, who has already met with officials in Oman and Bahrain, will fly to Saudi Arabia today to complete his Gulf tour.

**Kuwait Fair exhibitions a success, says official**

By Khaled Ahmad

EXHIBITIONS hosted by Kuwait International Fair during the first quarter of the current year have been successful, the last of which was the Electro Exhibition opened by the minister of commerce and industry, according to an official source.

Mohammad Ahmed Al Gharabali, chairman of the board and managing director of the fair, told Al Sevassah that the number of participants had increased — particularly the Electro Exhibition where the total number of participating companies increased by 80 per cent.

**Visitors**

He added that the fair was visited by 476,000 people and had the active participation of 371 different companies, both local and international. The number of exhibitions to be hosted during the second quarter of this year will be increased, and more exhibition halls will be opened next October to accommodate the heavy schedule for future exhibitions.

Gharabali said the fashion wear show held in December 1987 was not successful due to the unfavourable circumstances prevailing due to the Iran-Iraq war. Conversely, the last agricultural exhibition hosted 70 participants from various international countries. Some of the participants such as Poland, the USSR, and Kenya were first time entrants.

**Kuwaiti efforts in Lebanon commended**

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): Chairman of the Lebanese Editors Syndicate Milhem Karam has commended the efforts being exerted by Kuwait to bring an end to the 14-year-old Lebanese crisis.

"The Lebanese are attaching great hopes on the well-intentioned efforts exerted by HH the Amir, HH the Crown Prince and Premier Sheikh Saad Al Abdullah Al Salem Al Sabah, and Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed to end the prolonged Lebanese dilemma," Karam told KUNA.

Expressing support to the Arab League's Good Offices Committee on the Lebanese crisis which is presided over by Sheikh Sabah, Karam said Kuwait's endeavour to settle the Lebanese conflict was not strange "because Kuwait is the heart of all Arab and humanitarian wounds."

"What Kuwait is doing for Lebanon is a debt on our necks which we highly appreciate," he added.

**Telephone dispute****Youth murders older brother**

A 16-YEAR-OLD Iranian youth has been arrested by security personnel of Hawalli governorate for the alleged murder of his 19-year-old brother, according to official sources.

The victim had objected to the accused's continual lengthy conversations on the telephone with a girl. Disturbed with the reprimand, the accused apparently knifed his older brother to death.

The accused is under investigation.

**Bahrain Digest****Gulf states achieving health for all**

BAHRAIN and other Gulf countries are well on the way of achieving the target of "Health for all" set by the World Health Organisation (WHO), according to a leading Bahraini health official.

Addressing a session of the primary health care seminar, Dr Ibrahim Yacoub, assistant undersecretary for Primary and Public Health, said the Gulf states in view of their similar approaches to health issues have been closely co-operating in promoting improvement in the quality for health care for all people.

He said Gulf states have both human and material resources to be able to reach WHO's goal.

**Solutions**

Representatives of the seven Gulf states highlighted the problems of their individual countries in dealing with various health problems and in the implementation of the solutions to these problems.

The role of the education ministries and women's organisations was particularly emphasised. Among the discussions also included the role of the mother in immunisation, breast-feeding and taking preventive measures for accidents.

The seminar also covered collaboration between different departments within the health ministries to promote health programmes.

Kuwaiti representative, Dr Rashid Al Rashed, was impressed with the developments of the seminar and hoped the recommendations to be proposed will be implemented in each country.

**Seminar on treating fractures**

FOR the first time in Bahrain a health seminar on treating fractures will be held between June 11-14 at the College of Medicine.

The seminar organised by the Swiss Association of the Study of Internal Fixation of Fractures, will be attended by more than 50 bone specialists from the Gulf states as well as experts from Germany and Switzerland.

Dr Ali Jaffar Al Aradi, consultant orthopaedic surgeon of Sulmanya Medical Centre and secretary of the seminar organising committee, said the meeting will feature discussions to improve techniques and surgical aspects of treating fractures.

It will enable local doctors to improve their skills in treating different fractures.

Dr Aradi added that modern techniques will be demonstrated in a workshop using plastic bones as models in treating fractures.



Up the pole

A brand new car rests itself against an electric pole after a rash driver rammed it off the street. The owner of the car was left wondering if this is really traffic week.

**Arab states urged to crack down on bad drivers**

Car manufacturers rapped for glorifying speed

By Jadranka Porter  
Arab Times staff

US Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS) has urged Arab countries to launch a crackdown on bad drivers as a means of cutting the traffic accident rate. "Laws by themselves won't accomplish much unless they are well publicised and strictly enforced. The motorist has to be convinced that there is a real chance of being caught and receiving a penalty if he violates the traffic law," said Brian O'Neill, IIHS president.

O'Neill made his comments in response to questions from Arab doctors, traffic department

heads and journalists in a TV dialogue programme on highway safety. The programme was transmitted on Worldnet, US government network which provided a satellite link-up with participants in Kuwait, Doha, Amman and Dhahran.

**Evidence**

Although education campaigns, awareness weeks and high school driver education can be useful, evidence based on solid research has shown that they don't produce safe drivers, O'Neill said.

He heard some grim statistics from the Gulf states.

A Qatari participant said that

human error was responsible for

85 to 90 per cent of traffic accidents in the Gulf while a Saudi participant said that his country recorded last year 32 deaths per 100,000 population.

In the US as well driver error contributes to accidents in high proportion, O'Neill said but mortality rate is much lower, 17 deaths per 100,000.

**Seat belts**

Kuwait which registered a decline in deaths from 519 in 1982 to 321 in 1988 now has the same mortality rate as the US. Explaining the high mortality rate in Saudi Arabia, O'Neill said that countries which are going through first decades of widespread availability of cars are characterised by high death rate.

The US, he said, went through the same experience in the 1950s.

O'Neill strongly advocated seat belt wearing which he said has the quickest impact on reducing mortality. There is solid evidence that seat belts if worn reduce the chance of injury or death by 45 per cent.

**Seat belts**

O'Neill, who also serves on the Department of Transportation's Motor Vehicle Safety Research Advisory Committee, rapped car manufacturers for glorifying speed and performance in their sales campaigns. These features particularly appeal to young risk-taking men who are most frequent victims or perpetrators

of traffic accidents.

"Car manufacturers are acting irresponsibly in the way they portray vehicle use," O'Neill said.

O'Neill was somewhat puzzled by accusations by Kuwaiti participant Sabah Al Rayes, chairman of Road Safety Society, that the US is exporting cars which do not meet the minimum safety requirements.

"In the US we have strict federal safety requirements for newly manufactured cars but we do a poor job of getting rid of unsafe cars from our highways," he said. He proposed that Kuwait impose stricter laws to make sure such cars do not enter the country.

**NEWS IN BRIEF****Amiri audiences**

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): HH the Amir today received Deputy Premier and Foreign Minister Sheikh Sabah Al Ahmed Al Sabah on the occasion of his return home after heading Kuwait's delegation to the Arab League council's ordinary meetings which ended in Tunisia on Thursday.

Sheikh Sabah reported to HH the Amir the outcome of the third round of the Arab League committee on Lebanon and took permission to leave for Damascus tomorrow.

HH later received secretary general for the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine, Dr George Habash who is visiting the country.

The audience was attended by director of Arab Affairs Department in the Foreign Ministry Ambassador Abdul Hameed Al Buqanji.

**Animal wealth**

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): Board Chairman and Director-General of the Public Authority for Agriculture Affairs and Fisheries, Sheikh Ibrahim Al Dajai Sabah, said in a press statement here today that animal production marks 60 per cent of the total agricultural production.

He added in a statement to a local daily that the animal wealth in the country had increased during the past seven years which in turn increased animal production.

He said the authority is currently co-ordinating with specialised parties in the country to study a project to establish a strategic reserve of fodder, noting that if this is implemented then the fodder costs will be cut down.

**Study programmes**

POSTGRADUATE programmes for the doctorate degree will start within the next two academic years at Kuwait University, probably in Sept 1990, according to the Dean of the Higher Studies College, Dr Ali Akbar.

The university will start with three programmes, two of which will be offered at the science college in physics and chemistry and the third at the medical college, he added.

**Dr Akbar**

Dr Akbar said that a special committee was formed to scrutinise graduate requirements which are expected to be finalised and will be linked to requirements of the current Master's degree programmes. A report on these requirements will be submitted to the university council for approval.

**UAE flour needs**

THE United Arab Emirates will require 400,000 tons of flour annually to cover its consumption by year 2005, according to a study conducted by the General Industrial Establishment.

The study found its estimates on expectations that the population in UAE will increase to 2.5 million by 2005, and on basis of the current individual consumption of flour which is nearly 160 kilograms per year.

Four factories in Abu Dhabi and Dubai have a total production of 263,000 tons of flour per year. The same factories will produce a total of 410 thousand tons annually by 1990, according to researchers.

The study pointed out that as a result of the huge increase in the production of the Saudi wheat, estimated at 2.3 million tons annually. The wheat storing capacity is constantly on the increase.

**GCC patients**

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): Public Health Minister, Dr Abdul Razzaq Al Abdul Razzaq, today issued a decision stipulating treatment of visiting GCC patients as equally as Kuwaiti patients.

The decision added Gulf citizens can have access to all medical centres and hospitals of the Health Ministry as Kuwaitis do with the exception of private rooms.

**Considerable drop in unsolved crimes****Bad cheques on the increase**

CRIME rates recorded against unknown persons dropped significantly last year compared to the previous year, which reflects the efforts exerted by Kuwaiti's security apparatus, according to a senior official.

Dr Nael Al Naqib, undersecretary at the Ministry of Planning, said that the government is studying a plan which proposes annual contributions for health services from all citizens and expatriates. According to the plan, citizens and expatriates pay a part of the contribution and their employers will pay the balance.

**Dues**

The charges are intended to cover items such as services of preventive health, accidents, serious diseases and malignant diseases. For nationals, the Social Security Establishment will pay their dues while expatriates will pay only a part of the total costs, the official said.

Commenting on the behaviour of some physicians who write prescriptions without examining the patient, Naqib said that this is an error of judgement, although pressure on some health centres is one of the reasons for such diagnosis, he added.

**Drug prices**

This abnormal situation is being redressed by using the family practitioner system and the new health registration system as well as increasing the number of health centres and the levying of nominal health charges, Naqib said.

A law unifying prices of drugs at private pharmacies will be issued after it has been reviewed by the Ministry of Health. Physicians should restrict prescribing drugs except in very essential cases, Naqib said.

Meanwhile, in a related issue, a local daily interviewed a number of residents on the level of health services provided by the government.

Several of those interviewed complained of long delays in receiving appointments to see the doctor. They said that appointments are spread over a long period of time, in some cases months. Many complained that without influence (wasta) the waiting period is endless.

**Complaints**

Several attributed this state of affairs to a shortage of medical and nursing staff, and added that doctors work only one shift.

Others interviewed complained of a lack of examinations by doctors before prescribing medicines, utter disregard for the needs of the patients by nurses and a lack of medical co-operation with the administrative authorities in addressing patients needs.

Jaber Al Arbid, one of those interviewed, said that many patients now prefer going to private hospitals to receive better treatment. "Patients are more respected there than at government hospitals," he added. He called on officials at the Ministry of Public Health to conduct surprise checks at medical centres and clinics to determine the accuracy of complaints.

Project designs depict two integrated buildings with two facades—one looking out to the sea and the other in the opposite direction. The project is to be located on the same site as the existing Self palace.

The source also said that water dredging operations are currently in progress and the project contained a marina, water shields and a grand VIP lounge annexed to the main buildings where HH the Amir's guests

would be received.

Meanwhile, the ministry has finalised the designs for the new MPW-MEW headquarters to be situated in south Surra off the 5th Ring Road, at a cost of KD40 million.

**Headquarters**

The ministry is also engaged in studies to construct a hospital for psychiatric diseases in Kherian, and final designs have been prepared. The exact location of the site is yet to be decided between Kherian or behind Farwaniya hospital, the source said.

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# Pak warned of spillover

Kabul repels rebel attack

ISLAMABAD, April 1. (Agencies): Pathan nationalist leader Abdul Wali Khan has again warned the Pakistani people of a possible spillover of Afghan war into Pakistan territory if the situation inside Afghanistan deteriorates further.

The Scud surface-to-surface missile which hit Peshawar area close to Pakistani border two days ago could also hit Peshawar, Dera Ismail Khan, Bannu and Mohmand agency and other parts of the North-West Frontier Province bordering Afghanistan, he said in a speech in Jamrud near Peshawar yesterday in memory of his late father Abdul Ghaffar Khan.

Wali Khan, who is the president of Awami National Party, said that if the Soviet made Scud missile had fallen a bit farther than Torkham it would have caused large scale destruction and devastation in the Pakistani territory.

According to Pakistani news paper reports the Scud missile fell only three hundred metres short of Pakistani territory killing nine persons and injuring 25 others besides causing large scale devastation and destruction. Mass circulation Urdu daily Jang today reported that the missile killed more than 200 persons, injuring about 500, and leaving more than 100 missing.

It said that the missile caused a 200-foot-wide crater. The newspaper also said that there was great panic in the border areas of Pakistan, including Landi Kotal, Janrud, Peshawar, Charsadda, Komai and Kurram and Mohmand tribal agency.

In the estimation of Wali Khan the growing interference of Pakistani government in the internal affairs of Afghanistan was compelling the Afghan government to use heavy weapons, like Scud missiles.

Pakistan government, he char-

## Kabul prayer

### Zia's son vows

KARACHI, April 1. (Reuter): The son of former Pakistani military ruler Mohammad Zia-ul-Haq vowed today to carry out his father's wish to pray at Kabul's main mosque alongside Afghanistan's Muslim guerrillas.

Zia, killed in a plane crash last August, pledged several times during his 11-year rule that he would pray in the Afghan capital's Pul-e-Kehshti mosque with the guerrillas he supported in their fight against the Soviet-backed Kabul government.

Soviet transport planes carrying tonnes of flour resumed flights into Kabul yesterday as a government minister confidently predicted that Afghan rebels could not starve the city into surrender.

"We have not collapsed at this time — ask the people whether the government can survive," said Commerce Minister Burhan Gazi.

"We hate this policy (the rebel attempt to starve the city). The people want to live in peace," he added.

Gazi was giving an impromptu briefing to a few Western reporters during an inspection visit to a windswept checkpoint on the Salang highway on the northern edge of Kabul.

Twenty-two people were killed when rockets hit a Sikh temple in the besieged city of Jalalabad, according to refugees brought to Afghanistan's capital by the government.

Sikhs who were brought by government helicopter to Kabul said 21 Sikhs and one Hindu were killed. Thursday when rockets landed in and around the Sikh gurdwara, or temple. Members of the Sikh minority gathered today in Kabul to pray for the dead.

US-supported Muslim

## Cypriots agree to a partial pullback

NICOSIA, April 1. (AP): Greek and Turkish Cypriots have agreed to a limited military disengagement on the Nicosia sector of the United Nations-patrolled buffer zone that splits the war-divided island. UN spokesman Charles Gaulkin reported yesterday.

He said the agreement "will result in the lessening of tension" in the divided capital, where in some places only a few yards (metres) separate the rival forces.

Cyprus has been cut in two since July 1974, when the Turkish Army invaded following a short-lived coup by supporters of union with Greece.

The Turks seized the northern one-third of the east Mediterranean island and still occupy it. The Turkish Cypriot minority, 17 per cent of the population, proclaimed its territory an independent republic in 1983.

Officials said the limited disengagement will affect less than 100 troops from each side.

But it was seen as a significant development because it was the first such agreement since the Turkish invasion and came amid UN-sponsored talks on reunification under a bizonal federation.

Gaulkin said that under the agreement worked out by the United Nations peace force in Cyprus, or UNFICYP, the two sides will each vacate 12 military posts on either side of the so-called Green Line in the old walled part of the capital.

Both sides will halt patrols in the sensitive area and a 2,200-strong UN force will increase its patrol and man more observation posts, he said.

"We're certainly pleased that the long efforts by UNFICYP for this measure, which will result in the lessening of tension, has been accepted," Gaulkin said.

"We hope this will be a first step towards further deconfrontation," he added.

The 13,000-strong Greek Cypriot National Guard faces an estimated 30,000 Turkish regulars and some 3,000 Turkish Cypriot conscripts from fortified positions across the narrow buffer zone that runs for 112 miles (180 kilometres) across the island.

The disengagement followed a sharp increase last year in shooting incidents along the Green Line.

## PM playing for time

### New Turkish cabinet faces confidence vote

ANKARA, April 1. (Reuter): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal's new cabinet faces a vote of confidence on Tuesday after a local election defeat. It is likely to win but that may not protect it for long, commentators said.

Ozal shuffled his cabinet yesterday to rejuvenate his image after local polls on Sunday in which 78 per cent of Turks voted against his Motherland Party.

"Perhaps the prime minister does not want to believe it, but for him the curtain has fallen," wrote leading columnist Mehmet Ali Birand in the liberal daily Milliyet newspaper.

The 25-man cabinet would easily win the confidence vote in parliament, where the centre-right Motherland Party still has 292 out of 450 seats, State Minister Mehmet Yazar said.

There have been no public defections from the party so far but political sources said between 50 and 100 might consider joining the 58 deputies from the



**Offering condolences**

A public prosecutor yesterday demanded life imprisonment for a ruling Motherland Party deputy who is accused of shooting to death an opposition party legislator inside the Parliament building.

Police said Idris Arikan held Abdurrezak Ceylan on Wednesday when Ceylan intervened to stop a quarrel between Arikan and an independent deputy over the results of Sunday's local elections. The Motherland Party suffered a crushing defeat throughout Turkey in the polls. Picture shows Prime Minister Turgut Ozal (right) condoling relatives of Ceylan. (Reuter wirephoto)

"Some of my merchandise ... makes its way to Damascus," said Hajj, who lives in virtual self-exile in north Israel and sometimes visits the Jewish state's self-declared south Lebanon's security zone.

Smuggling Israeli eggs and bananas may be a lucrative business, but several attempts have been made to kill Hajj, who never travels in south Lebanon without

## Iran is desirable partner: Gorbachev

MOSCOW, April 1. (Agencies): Soviet leader Mikhail Gorbachev yesterday granted Iranian Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati a surprise audience at the Kremlin during which he stressed the "growing dynamism" of Soviet-Iranian relations, Tass news agency said.

"We regard Iran as a desirable partner," the official Soviet news agency quoted Gorbachev as telling the Iranian diplomat.

"The improvement of Soviet-Iranian relations is also of international significance."

Tass said Gorbachev pointed to the "growing dynamism of relations between the two countries in the spirit of good neighbourliness."

Velayati, who returned to Tehran after a 24-hour visit during which he carried a message from the Iranian leader Ayatollah Khomeini, held talks with Gorbachev on

Afghanistan, the Middle East, the Iran-Iraq settlement and other issues, according to a vague and brief dispatch, by Tass.

"The two sides reached agreement in the assessment of the forthcoming visit to the USSR of the Iranian parliamentary Speaker Ali Akbar Hashemi-Rafsanjani," it said.

Velayati also held talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze,

who reiterated the Kremlin's view that the United States and Pakistan should stick to the Geneva agreements on Afghanistan under which Moscow withdrew its troops on Feb 15 after nearly a decade of war in Afghanistan.

Velayati arrived in Syria today for talks with President Hafez Assad on Lebanon, where Christians and Syrian-backed Muslim militias are locked in fighting.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

### A gift from King Fahd

NICOSIA, April 1. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia is providing Egypt with a ground station to receive transmissions from satellites of the Arab League's space agency Arabsat, the official Saudi Press Agency reported.

It quoted Information Minister Al Hassan Al Shaer as saying the station, worth 20 million riyals (\$5.3 million), was a gift from King Fahd, who returned to Riyadh yesterday after a four-day visit to Egypt.

Egypt was readmitted to Arabsat on Thursday. It had been suspended from the Arab League's agencies because of its 1979 peace treaty with Israel.

### Howe arrives in Qatar

DOHA, April 1. (AP): British Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe arrived today from New Delhi and immediately started talks with the Emir of Qatar, Sheikh Khalifa Bin Hamad Al Thani, the Qatar News Agency reported.

Howe was heading to Bahrain later in the day as part of a Gulf stopover on his way back from India and Pakistan.

QNA said the meeting also was attended by the Crown Prince and Defence Minister, Sheikh Hamad Bin Khalifa Al Thani, as well as the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Sheikh Ahmed Bin Seif Al Thani.

### Armed search boats

FRANKFURT, April 1. (AP): A West German company yesterday said it is building four armed search and rescue boats for Saudi Arabia.

The Hamburg-based company, Blohm und Voss, said the boats were intended for use by the Saudi Arabian border patrol and will be outfitted with "typical light police weapons."

"Beginning July 1989, the first pair of boats should be shipped to Saudi Arabia," the company said in a statement.

The statement described the boats as 38 metres (about 125 feet) long, about eight metres (26 feet) wide and said they are rated at about 210 tons each.

### Envoy of whisky and vodka

BELGRADE, April 1. (AP): The Yugoslav government, charging that some of its diplomats have become "ambassadors of whisky and vodka," is planning a sweeping purge of its foreign service, the Yugoslav news agency Tanjug said yesterday.

In a report from Tripoli, the agency quoted the official Libyan newspaper Al Jamahirya as saying that "a number of ambassadors and diplomatic staff will come under the decisive strike of the revolutionary forces."

### Urgent aid to families

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): PLO chairman Yasser Arafat said in a statement to Al Anbaa newspaper that the supreme committee on the uprising will extend urgent aid to 45 thousand families in the occupied Arab land.

Arafat said PLO executive committee member Jamal Sourani was entrusted with launching contacts with world law experts to acquaint them with Israeli repression against the Palestinian people.

### Mengistu meets US delegation

ADDIS ABABA, Ethiopia, April 1. (AP): President Mengistu Haile Mariam met with a visiting US congressional delegation and reiterated his desire to improve ties between Ethiopia's Marxist government and the United States.

## Algerian bid to heal Syrian rift with PLO

TUNIS, April 1. (Reuters): Algeria is trying to mediate an end to the longstanding feud between Syria and the mainstream PLO, a Palestinian leader said.

Salah Khalaf (Abu Iyad), deputy to PLO chairman Yasser Arafat in the Fatah movement, said any PLO-Syrian dialogue must be based on Syria accepting the PLO's new peace strategy.

Only the RCD and the main opposition party, the left-of-centre Movement of Socialist Democrats (MDS), are fielding more candidates.

The RCD has accused the Islamic movement of posing as the only true believers standing in the elections and of using democracy as a means to preach anti-democratic ideas.

The debate has left the MDS and other leftists on the sidelines and political sources say the independents are the force most likely to break the monopoly the ruling party has enjoyed in parliament since independence three decades ago.

The competition is for all 141 seats in the Chamber of Deputies (parliament) and Tunisians are watching closely to see if Ben Ali's government fulfills its pledge to eradicate the vote rigging prevalent under his predecessor, Habib Bourguiba.

It is the first general election since Ben Ali had Bourguiba removed from power in November 1987 on grounds of senility.

### Murder, rape cases

## Saudis behead six

RIYADH, April 1. (Reuter): Saudi Arabia has beheaded six men convicted of murder or rape, the Interior Ministry said today.

It said Mohammed Ibrahim Al-Saadi, was executed yesterday for kidnapping and raping a girl in Abha, a southwestern Saudi Arabia near the Red Sea.

Abdu Mohammed Abdurrahman, and Saud Saleh Musleh Nuwayed and Abdullah Hassan were executed in Riyadh and Makkah for killing men in personal quarrels, the statement said.

The Red Cross has registered 50,182 prisoners held by Iran and 19,284 held by Iraq, but UN officials and diplomats estimate the total number of POWs is about 100,000.

Iraq earlier this month rejected Iran's proposal for an exchange of all prisoners, saying that the warring armies must first withdraw from the border.

We're certainly pleased that the long efforts by UNFICYP for this measure, which will result in the lessening of tension, has been accepted," Gaulkin said.

"We hope this will be a first step towards further deconfrontation," he added.

The 13,000-strong Greek Cypriot National Guard faces an estimated 30,000 Turkish regulars and some 3,000 Turkish Cypriot conscripts from fortified positions across the narrow buffer zone that runs for 112 miles (180 kilometres) across the island.

The disengagement followed a sharp increase last year in shooting incidents along the Green Line.

Both sides will halt patrols in the sensitive area and a 2,200-strong UN force will increase its patrol and man more observation posts, he said.

"Some of my merchandise ... makes its way to Damascus," said Hajj, who lives in virtual self-exile in north Israel and sometimes visits the Jewish state's self-declared south Lebanon's security zone.

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**ARAB TIMES****Thought for today**

**NEVER trust a man who speaks well of everybody —**  
John Churton Collins, English literary critic (1848-1908).

**Setback for rebels****Lesson of Jalalabad**

By Oliver Wates

QUETTA, Pakistan. (Reuters): The battle for Jalalabad has convinced mujahedeen guerrillas in south and west Afghanistan that they must fight this war their own way.

In tackling Kandahar and other provincial capitals over the coming weeks and months, they want to avoid the kind of all-out assault launched on Jalalabad, according to rebels in neighbouring Pakistan.

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"The war in Jalalabad proved that conventional assault is not to the advantage of the mujahedeen," white-bearded guerrilla commander Mohammad Nur Amini said, an opinion common among the rebels in the west Pakistani city of Quetta.

"The casualties we are suffering make us very angry and it leads to failure. Martyrdom is good, but failure is bad."

"This was a guerrilla war, suddenly it changed to a conventional one," said guerrilla doctor Ghulam Dastgir.

The main Western-backed rebel parties, based in the northwest Pakistani city of Peshawar, launched the attack on Jalalabad early in March. Mines, heavy shelling and bombing — and stout resistance — all but halted the advance.

Privately the guerrillas admit to suffering heavy casualties, with estimates of the dead ranging between several hundred and more than 2,000.

The damage to morale may be even more serious.

Many rebels and western Afghan watchers in Quetta blame the Pakistani military and in particular the controversial Inter-Services Intelligence (ISI) for the Jalalabad setback.

ISI has been in charge of channelling arms to the rebels for many years and since the Soviet withdrawal started last May it has taken an increasingly active advisory role, rebel sources say.

The rebels say ISI pushed them into launching the assault against the judgement of most local guerrilla commanders.

The city is in a defensible position, within easy bombing range of government air bases near Kabul and the defenders were well dug in.

The rebel sources in Quetta said that for the past two or three months commanders around Kandahar had been resisting pressure from ISI to mount a similar operation there.

"They are trying to do the same thing in Kandahar," one rebel activist said.

An Afghan working for an international aid organisation said: "People are totally united to see that it does not happen in Kandahar. The colonels (ISI) can yell all they want."

"I see commanders every day. They look over their shoulders to make sure no one is listening and say 'if we wanted to take Kandahar by assault it would take us four years,'" he said.

Kandahar, 200 km (120 miles) from Quetta, is a former capital and principal city of southern Afghanistan. Ten years of civil war have left it badly damaged with the population reduced to an estimated 40-60,000.

But it remains a key target and if captured by the rebels would be a worthy capital for their interim government.

The rebel sources put the total number of defenders at 15-20,000, a tough nut for the guerrillas to crack if they stood their ground. But rebels hope they can persuade the defenders to desert President Najibullah's government.

"I reckon there's a lot of negotiation going on in Kandahar to convince the army to stage a coup," a Western Afghan watcher in Quetta said. "There are a lot of people with relations on the other side."

While the rebels rule out any major assault on the city itself, the airport is a prime target.

The guerrillas suffered a reverse last week when they bungled an attack on a Kabul government post at Tor Kotal, a few km (miles) down the Quetta road from the airport.

A Jamiat-i-Islami official said his party lost 16 dead and 30 injured when troops surrounded the attackers. Other guerrillas put the death toll twice as high.

The guerrillas say they control most southwestern provinces, with the government hanging onto the provincial capital and a few districts.

**Press review****Uprising must continue**

KUWAIT (KUNA): A Kuwaiti newspaper has lauded the 16-month-old Palestinian uprising against the Israeli occupation and strongly warned against US calls for ceasing such heroic phenomenon.

Al Rai Al Aam daily, in a front-page editorial on the 13th anniversary of the Land Day, called for protecting and uprising as it is "the soul and the hope, the life and the promising future."

The intifada should continue and must be escalated, the paper added, because it is "the only Arab phenomenon in the region's modern history that accomplished in a mere single year material and moral victories that have never been achieved by all Arab summits and wars."

The US, which tries to bring the uprising to an end, is the country that provided political, military and economic support to Israel which enabled the Israelis to occupy the Arab land for over 20 years, it went on.

"Beware of the trap," the daily warned, stressing that the uprising has been the only affective and serious Arab action against the zionist occupiers."

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# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Iran inaugurates first phase of Abadan refinery

NICOSIA, April 1. (Agencies): Iran today inaugurated the first phase of the Abadan oil refinery, repaired after being extensively damaged in the Gulf war.

An army of 7,000 technicians and specialists has worked round the clock since the Aug 20 Gulf war ceasefire to restart the gutted refinery to mark today's anniversary of the proclamation of the Islamic republic.

For the Iranians, rebuilding the 3,200-acre (1,300-hectare) complex without foreign assistance symbolises the post-war reconstruction of their vital oil industry and the country as a whole.

Abadan, only a few miles (kilometres) from the Iraqi border and within sight of Iraqi artillery throughout the war, was knocked out early in the conflict that began in September 1980.

President Ali Khamenei inaugurated the first phase of the resumption of

operations in Abadan, in southwest Khuzestan province, IRNA said in a despatch monitored in Nicosia.

"In light of the greatness of this project, the Iranian people now feel that they have the power of organisation, management and innovation," he declared.

He told the technicians who rebuilt a 20-megawatt power plant, distillation towers, storage tanks and other facilities from the twisted ruins: "You ... have proved that the Iranian nation, by relying on itself, can emerge as a wonderful power."

The 70-year-old refinery will start with a daily production capacity of 130,000 barrels a day, one-fifth of its pre-war capacity, in the \$70 million first phase.

But Oil Minister Gholamreza Aqazadeh, who accompanied Khamenei, said production will be boosted over the next 2-3 years to 360,000 barrels daily.

The reopening of the Abadan complex came amid a major effort by the Iranians to rebuild their battered oil industry and their refineries, which were heavily bombed by Iraq's powerful Air Force throughout the 8-year war.

Abadan's output will boost Iran's refinery capacity to an estimated 850,000 barrels a day. Six other refineries have been repaired since the ceasefire.

Most are currently operating at 25 per cent above their designated capacities to boost production of refined products such as fuel oil and kerosene.

This has reduced imports of refined products from around 300,000 barrels a day during the later stages of the war to around 170,000 barrels. Resumption of operation at Abadan will cut imports even further and relieve pressure on the

other refineries.

Oil industry experts consider the speed, with which the Iranians have restored their oil installations since the ceasefire, to be a major development.

Ian Seymour, editor of the respected Nicosia-based Middle East Economic Survey who visited Iranian oil installations a few weeks ago, noted that the reconstructions was "a considerable achievement."

Iran's crude oil exports are the mainstay of its economy and account for some 90 per cent of its foreign currency earnings.

Aqazadeh said last month that Iran plans to boost its refining capacity to 1.5 million barrels a day within three or four years.

Domestic consumption then was repaired, production was expected to top four million barrels a day by the mid-1990s.

barrels a day for export.

Most of Iran's crude exports go through Kharg, which made it a prime target in Iraq's campaign to throttle Iran's economic jugular during the war.

The London-based Lloyd's List shipping daily reported last month that repairs at Kharg have been carried out "faster than expected."

It said that floating storage tankers had been phased out ahead of schedule and that tankers of 280,000 tons and more were now able to load directly.

Aqazadeh has said that current oil production capacity is running at around three million barrels a day, about 400,000 barrels over its Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries quota.

Once oilfields and other facilities are repaired, production was expected to top four million barrels a day by the mid-1990s.

\$1 billion deal

## Australian company to buy Hollywood studio

LOS ANGELES, April 1. (Reuter): MGM/UA Communications Co., the entertainment company which distributed this year's Oscar-winning film "Rain Man," said yesterday Australia's Qintex Group would purchase it for more than \$1 billion.

As a second step in the complex transaction, a firm controlled by financier Kirk Kerkorian, who owns 82 per cent of MGM/UA, will buy back some of the assets including the MGM name and logo from Qintex for \$250 million.

That would leave the Australian media and entertainment conglomerate with the United Artists Studio, distributor of "Rain Man." Kerkorian has been trying to sell the studio for almost a year.

The deal marks another in a

series of corporate reorganisations at MGM and UA, two of Hollywood's oldest studios, since they came under the control of Kerkorian in 1981.

Four years later, in a similar deal, he sold the studios to cable television entrepreneur Ted Turner but then bought back most of the assets except the MGM film library of such classics as "Gone With the Wind."

According to a joint statement by the chairmen of both companies, the MGM/UA-Qintex deal "will result in two companies that are each world entertainment industry leaders. We anticipate their alliance will be a force to reckon with."

Under the terms of the deal, Qintex will acquire all of MGM/UA for \$20 per share.

## KIC total assets jump

KUWAIT, April 1. (KUNA): Total assets of the Kuwait Investment Company (KIC) had jumped to 60.9 million Kuwaiti dinars in 1988 against 9.8 million Kuwaiti dinars in the previous year.

A statement by the KIC, released here today, said the rise was due to the increase of the company's capital from KD8.5 millions to KD4 millions after exchanging shares between shareholders of the United Gulf Bank and the KIC.

Venezuelan president meets Bush

## We welcome US debt plan: Perez

WASHINGTON, April 1. (AP): President George Bush met with a key Latin American leader today as his administration sought to garner approval for its new plan to curb social and economic tensions over the Third World debt crisis.

Bush hosted Venezuela's President Carlos Andres Perez at a White House breakfast that lasted 1-1/2 hours. They were joined by Secretary of State James A. Baker, Treasury Secretary Nicholas Brady and National Security Advisor Brent Scowcroft.

The group had on its agenda a wide range of issues besides the debt crisis, touching on as well the Central American peace plan and the hemisphere's battle against illicit drugs, said a senior administration official who spoke on condition he was not identified by name.

The meeting came as the administration was looking to the spring meetings of the International Monetary Fund and the World Bank, starting this week and here, [for approval of its new

plan to help Third World nations ease their crushing \$1.3-trillion debt burden.

Perez has come to Washington for the sessions, which are attended by the finance ministers and other influential officials of the twin international lending organisations' 151 member nations.

### Crisis

In the seven-year-old crisis, the burden of paying interest on the foreign debt by developing nations has sapped their economies, lowered living standards and led to growing political and economic unrest.

Perez, Venezuela's new President, blamed riots in his country last month that claimed 270 lives on "intolerable and obscene" debt repayment terms imposed by creditors. He called on wealthier nations to do more to relieve the debt burden.

Critics have complained that the administration plan — named for Brady — has raised unreasonable expectations for debt relief in Latin America and may end up fermenting political

## Italian trade deficit narrows

### Inflation edges higher

ROME, April 1. (Reuter): Italy's foreign trade deficit fell sharply in February to 2.07 trillion lire (\$1.5 billion), less than half the record for one month set in January, official figures showed on Friday.

But inflation rose in March for the fifth consecutive month, the National Statistics Institute (ISTAT) said.

The data, bringing mixed news for the government, was published as Treasury Minister Giuliano Amato briefed the cabinet on the buoyant performance of the economy in 1988, when growth accelerated to 3.9 per cent from three per cent in 1987.

The fall in the February trade deficit from a 4.29 trillion lire (\$3.1 billion) January shortfall was due to a strong upturn in exports and a stabilisation in the high level of imports. The strongest export sectors were engineering, chemicals, textiles and cars, ISTAT said.

Consumer price inflation, which has accelerated rapidly in recent months from its low of 4.7

per cent year-on-year last October, edged still higher to 6.4 per cent in March from 6.3 per cent in February, ISTAT also reported.

Amato told the cabinet that the economy had performed well during 1988, with the gross domestic product (GDP) rising 3.9 per cent, fuelled by strong internal demand both from consumers and for industrial investment.

Meanwhile, the World Bank has decided to refuse Brazil a \$500-million loan to build hydroelectric dams in the Amazon because of damage the project would cause to the environment, Italy's Treasury Minister said on Friday.

Minister Giuliano Amato said the dams would have flooded vast areas of rainforest without economic advantage to the local population.

The executive directors of the World Bank, who already had doubts on the validity of the project ... found it easier to say no," Amato told a press conference at the Rome branch of

the environmental group Friends of the Earth.

"The Amazon case is particularly significant because it is an example of economic exploitation which does not help the local population but destroys it," he added.

### Decision

Amato said the bank's decision, which has yet to be officially announced, was in response to an international campaign to stop the building of an 11,000 megawatt dam on the Xingu River.

Among the campaigners were local Indians who said much of the energy from the planned \$3.9 billion Karao dam would not be used in Amazonia but in other, more industrialised parts of the country.

Environmental groups have put pressure on the World Bank not to release loans for Brazil's power sector. They say an area of rainforest the size of a small country is being cut down every year affecting world climate, plant and animal life.

## We believe in you, Mike Milken: executives

Selig Zises organises ad campaign

NEW YORK, April 1. (Reuter): While the government alleges Michael Milken is one of the biggest white-collar criminals in history, more than 80 top corporate executives rallied to his support in full-page newspaper advertisements yesterday.

Executives from such big companies as Holiday Corp, Gaf Corp, Mattel Inc, Bear Stearns and Co Inc and Western Union Corp said "Mike Milken, we believe in you" in ads that ran in the New York Times, Wall Street Journal, Los Angeles Times and Washington Post.

The ads carried 88 names. Most are chief executives, and some lead companies whose shares were affected by alleged illegal deals by Milken. Also included were prominent corporate lawyers, publishers and private citizens.

### Vision

"His (Milken) vision has enabled many of our businesses, our employees and our communities to enjoy tremendous growth and opportunity," the ad said.

"Mike has always performed according to the highest standards of professionalism, honesty, integrity and ethical conduct. We know Mike Milken, and based on our first-hand experience with him, we believe him."

Milken, the former head of Drexel Burnham Lambert Inc's junk bond department, his brother Lowell Milken, who worked as a lawyer in the department, and Bruce Newberg, a former Drexel junk bond trader, were indicted on Wednesday on racketeering, mail, wire and securities fraud charges.

The Milkens were put on leave of absence by

Drexel on Wednesday.

The ad campaign was organised by Selig Zises, chairman of New York-based Integrated Resources Inc, a financial services firm that has used Drexel as an investment banker.

"The friends of Mike Milken want to support him in every way as he goes through the process to be vindicated," said Zises, who called every person on the list.

"I kept hearing about a man in the media I didn't know," said Zises, who met Milken about 11 years ago. "I've only known him to be a sensitive, caring individual who's done a lot for the economic growth of this country. Now he's being vilified in the press."

The charges were brought after a 2-1/2 year investigation by the government that was fuelled by information from Ivan Boesky, the once-powerful stock speculator. Boesky is now serving a three-year prison term for his role in Wall Street's biggest insider trading scandal.

Included in the charges are a long list of alleged insider trading, stock manipulation and stock disclosure violations. Among those allegations are the manipulation of Stone Container Corp shares and the failure to disclose securities ownership in Mattel Inc.

Roger Stone, chairman and chief executive of Stone Container, and John Amerman chairman and chief executive of Mattel, were among the officers who signed the ad in support of Milken. Neither could be reached for comment.

Martin Klein, a prominent New York bankruptcy lawyer, said more ads would follow, including some in support of Lowell Milken.

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Kuwait trade volume dips

## Gloom prevails in market

THE Alshali Index for Kuwaiti shareholding companies recorded on Wednesday an average of 37.42 points with a decrease of 0.40 points — 1.06 per cent — from last week's average. The Alshali index for non-Kuwaiti shareholding companies reached 70.74 points with a decrease of 0.75 point — 1.05 per cent — for the same period, according to Alshali Economic Consultants' weekly market review.

The trading volume for Kuwaiti shares reached 16.62 million shares at a daily average of 3.32 million shares with a decrease of 53 per cent from the previous week's daily average of 7.09 million shares.

Non-Kuwaiti traded shares reached 5.16 million shares at a daily average of 1.03 million shares with a decrease of 35 per cent from last week's daily average of 1.59 million shares.

The value of Kuwaiti traded shares was KD\$5.20 million at a daily average of KD1.04 million, a decrease of 60 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 2.632 million. The value of non-Kuwaiti traded shares was KD 0.374 million at a daily average of KD 0.075 million, a decrease of 10 per cent from last week's daily average of KD 0.083 million.

### Weak

Market performance resumed its weak performance after a relatively active week which followed the decision of the Stock Exchange committee to cancel the minimum and maximum levels of share prices, the decision to allow trading outside the trading hall under certain conditions and the announcement of issuing a new legislation for investment and real estate funds.

The total number of companies that have distributed dividends in the Kuwaiti shares market has reached 25 out of 44 (57 percent) of the listed companies. As for total companies that have distributed dividends in the non-Kuwaiti market, the number rose to 3 out of 7 (43 per cent) of total listed companies.

Thirteen companies have distributed stock dividends in the Kuwaiti stock market which constitutes around 52 per cent of total companies that have declared their financial positions to this date. This percentage is assumed to be very high compared to the percentages of the previous two years. "We believe that interventions aiming at raising share prices, such as allowing companies to buy their own shares or distributing stock dividends, or performing stock splits together with allowing free dealing outside the dealing hall, will only lead to short-term results. This will also delay the needed solution and would affect the interest of the market as well as the investors."

For the Kuwaiti shares market, the banking sector had the lead at 59 per cent of total trading against 66 per cent last week. The Commercial Bank led at 37.5 per cent, followed by The National Bank of Kuwait at 16 per cent and Kuwait Finance House at 15 per cent.

The Services Sector came second at 21 per cent, of which Mobile Telephone Systems led at 61 per cent, followed by Kuwait Commercial Markets at 23 per cent, and Public Warehousing at 16 per cent.

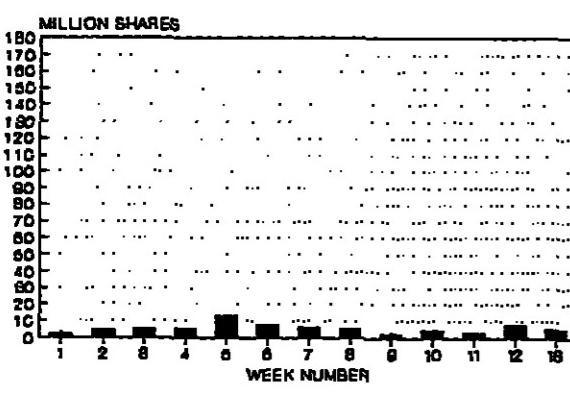
The investment sector came third at 17 per cent of which National Investments had the lead at 71 per cent, followed by Kuwait Pearl Investments at 16 percent and Commercial Facilities at 6 per cent.

For the non-Kuwaiti shares market, Coast Investment and Development Company had the lead at 49 per cent, followed by Bahrain International Bank at 40 per cent and Arabian General Investment (SHUAA) at 9 per cent.

### Kuwait shareholding companies index

Wednesday Wednesday Change  
29/03/89 22/03/89 points

**NON-KUWAITI SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES**  
WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM  
JAN 1 - MAR 29, 1989



Banking Sector	106.62	106.62	—
The National Bank	31.07	31.07	—
The Gulf Bank	23.52	23.52	—
Al Ahli Bank	27.87	27.39	0.48
Bank of Kuwait & M. East	27.63	30.26	-2.63
Kuwait R. Estate Bank	27.43	28.29	-0.86
Burqa Bank	26.26	26.26	—
Kuwait Finance House	70.03	70.86	-0.82
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>43.92</b>	<b>44.28</b>	<b>-0.36</b>

Investment Sector	25.71	25.71	—
Kuwait Investment Co.	17.87	17.87	—
Kuwait Int. Inv. Co.	69.05	73.02	-3.97
Inv. Pearl Kuwait	37.50	41.18	-3.68
IFA	118.75	120.00	-1.25
Commercial Facilities	66.67	70.59	-3.92
National Investments	86.52	88.76	-2.25
Kuwait Investment Proj.	38.00	38.88	-0.88
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>38.00</b>	<b>38.88</b>	<b>-0.88</b>

Insurance Sector	36.48	38.05	-1.58
Kuwait Insurance Co.	27.69	27.69	—
Gulf Insurance Co.	47.74	47.74	—
Al Ahlia Insurance Co.	58.42	58.42	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>37.18</b>	<b>38.01</b>	<b>-0.83</b>

Real Estate Sector	17.59	17.59	—
Kuwait Real Estate	6.03	6.14	-0.11
United Realty	38.22	38.22	—
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>14.14</b>	<b>14.21</b>	<b>-0.06</b>

Industrial Sector	11.59	11.59	—
Kuwait Cement Co.	83.45	83.45	—
Refrigeration Indust.	110.87	109.73	1.13
Gulf Cables	67.56	71.11	-3.56
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>29.96</b>	<b>30.00</b>	<b>-0.04</b>

Services Sector	166.32	166.32	—
Kuwait Computer Co.	8.56	8.56	—
Kuwait Cinema Co.	60.61	64.65	-4.04
Public Warehousing Co.	36.83	34.99	1.84
Kuwait Comm. Markets Co.	271.43	280.95	-9.52
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>51.93</b>	<b>53.57</b>	<b>-1.64</b>

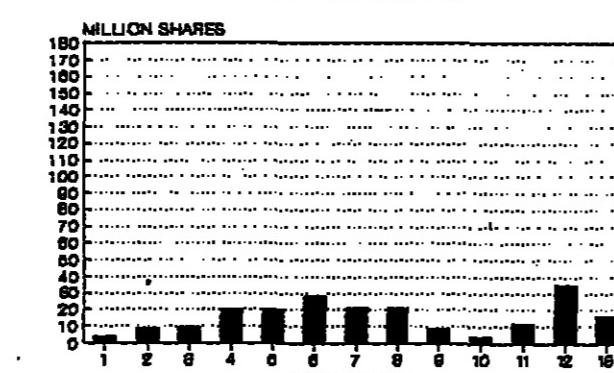
Food Sector	48.41	48.41	—
Livestock Trad. & Transp.	9.21	9.21	—
United Fisheries	83.61	83.61	—
Kuwait United Poultry	70.11	68.97	1.15
Kuwait Food Co.	42.46	42.26	0.20
<b>Sector Index</b>	<b>37.42</b>	<b>37.82</b>	<b>-0.40</b>

Overall Index	Wednesday	Wednesday	Change
	29/03/89	22/03/89	points
First Gulf Bank	144.74	144.74	—
Bahrain Internat. Bank	88.28	89.66	-1.38
Bahrain M. East Bank	98.71	98.71	—
Coast Inv. & Dev. Co.	85.71	86.67	-0.95
Arabian Gen. Inv. (SHUAA)	49.24	50.00	-0.76
Umm Al Quain Cement	16.50	16.87	-0.37
Gulf Medical Projects	20.83	20.83	—
<b>Total Index</b>	<b>70.74</b>	<b>71.49</b>	<b>-0.75</b>

Base period 31/12/1983.  
All the companies listed by the Stock Exchange under non-Kuwaiti companies are included.

**KUWAIT SHAREHOLDING COMPANIES**  
WEEKLY TRADING VOLUME FROM  
JAN 1 - MAR 29, 1989



## Kuwait dinar rates firm as Saudi riyal deposits steady

KUWAIT, April 1. (Reuters): Kuwaiti dinar deposit rates firmedin quiet trade today after an announcement by the Central Bank it would seek an extra 30 million dinars (\$103 million) at a rollover this week of treasury bills.

The 100 million dinar (\$345 million) offering of 91-day treasury bills, for Wednesday issue, will roll over previous issue of 70 million (242 million).

Dealers said one-month rose 1/4 point from Thursday and two months 1/8 point, while three months to one year were unchanged, resulting in a uniform yield curve for all the fixed rates of 9-1/2 nine per cent.

Most activity was reported in one month maturities.

The short dates also firmed. Overnight traded at seven after trading at two on Thursday. Tomorrow-next rose to seven six from trades of five and spot-next and rose to nine eight from trades of six.

### Rate

The Central Bank adjusted its dinar to dollar exchange rate to 0.29050/60 from 0.29037/47 on Thursday.

Meanwhile, Saudi riyal interbank deposits were steady in a liquid and typically thin market, with many offshore players sidelined due to the European weekend.

Treasury bonds increased modestly held by the resiliency of the dollar but were later depressed by a surge in oil prices whilst equities also benefited with the Dow Jones closing up 17.68 at 2,275.54.

However, the string of daily gains in the equity markets was ended by the dollar's decline following further central bank intervention.

Dealers said business focused on short-dated funds as traders covered positions. Tomorrow-next dealt at 10-7/8, 3/8 per cent while spot-next and one-week were quoted 1/4 point up on Thursday's levels at 9-3/4, 1/4 per cent.

Gulf banks are shut during the Muslim Friday weekend.

# Who will inherit the crown of Monaco?

In the streets of this tiny modern Eden the world knows as the Principality of Monaco, there are rumours about Prince Albert and Princess Caroline.

By Silvio Piersanti

ONLY when the present is cloudless do people start worrying about the future and wondering how long the barometer needle will stay on "fine weather." That's what is going on today among the 30,000 lucky inhabitants of the tiny, modern Eden the world knows as the Principality of Monaco.

The last two generations of Monegasques have seen their beloved monarch, 65-year-old Prince Rainier, turn their fairy-tale realm into a rich, efficient, socially advanced miniature replica of a modern state. Poverty, strikes, crime, drug addiction, pollution and unemployment are all problems the Monegasques know only from reading the foreign news section of the local papers. Invisible, magic barriers seem to protect Monaco from those world plagues.

But as Prince Rainier's hair grows whiter, rumours grow stronger that he is considering turning over the reins of power to his son Albert, 30.

What will happen when Prince Rainier steps down from the throne? Will avid sports fan and playboy Prince Albert be able to maintain this miracle of good government? Will Prince Albert choose a wife and first lady for the country worthy of his late mother, the unforgettable Princess Grace? And will the new princess push back into anonymity Prince Albert's sister Princess Caroline, who since her mother's death has so engaged the affections of her people that Monegasques like to think of her as the reigning princess?

The succession of the throne has always been a matter of paramount importance to Monaco because its very existence depends on it. If there is no male heir to the throne, the principality reverts to France, from whence it came. That was made the marriage of Prince Rainier and Grace Kelly and the quick arrival of children such important events.

And that is why, looking ahead, Europeans, and Monegasques in particular, speculate on when and whom Prince Albert will marry and, in turn, assure the permanence and stability of the House of Grimaldi.

In Monaco itself, the ruling family is dinner conversation in every home, and every citizen is ready to talk about this, his favourite topic.

Recently, in Monaco, I spent the better part of a week talking with a cross section of citizens about the succession.

"As things are now, we're all rich and happy. We have work, nice houses, pensions, at one hundred per cent of our salaries, a world-class hospital where we are treated for free. We have theaters, movies, concert halls, day care and schools for our children. And all without paying and taxes. If earthly paradise exists, it's here in Monaco," Francis Muschietto, owner of a prestigious group of restaurants in Monaco said.

"We are aware that we owe all this to our monarch, Prince Rainier. But some say he is tired and is considering abdication, which would be in favour of his son, Albert, according to our constitution. And they fear that Albert might not be up to the task. Prince Rainier has spoiled us. In forty years he has never made an error, either in his private or public life. Some of my fellow citizens worry that Prince Albert is seen a little too often with girls who change all the time and who are not always — how can I say? princesslike. They also think that he spends too much time on sports. I personally see nothing to object to in his eternal student life, but it has made the majority of us accustomed to thinking of him as the country's child rather than as the country's father, as we all think of Prince Rainier."

While Prince Albert does not seem ready to replace his father either on the throne or in his subject's hearts, Princess Caroline appears to have absorbed all of her mother's glowing legacy.



Clockwise from top: Princesses Stephanie and Caroline; Prince Albert and Rainier at an official function; the royal sisters; and Caroline with her husband of five years Stefano Casiraghi and children Charlotte, Pierre and Andrea. She has taken her mother's place in the hearts of her subjects while sister Stefanie pursues a separate life in California, and Albert shows no sign of settling down.

"She's developed great self-confidence and style, and a charm that makes everyone adore her. Prince Rainier is obviously proud to have her at his side at all the royal ceremonies," added Monsieur Muschietto. "And some fellow citizens are wondering whether it wouldn't be wise to change our constitution to allow her to ascend to the throne."

"We have noticed lately, though," observed Catherine Beccaria, 55, the owner of a fashionable cafe in the center of Monte Carlo, "that Prince Rainier is trying to give more space to Prince Albert in official ceremonies, almost as if he wants to make it clear to all that only Albert is the heir to the throne."

"I heard that a group of super-faithful followers of Caroline's — a self-styled 'Monarchist Circle of Monaco' — has sent an appeal to Rainier asking him to change the constitution at least enough to allow an important official position for Caroline."

They worry that once Prince Albert ascends the throne and marries (I should say in reverse order because it's well known around the palace that Rainier has no intention of stepping down until he sees his son married to a responsible woman), the wife will assume the right of all public functions reserved for the first lady, the duties that Princess Grace enjoyed.

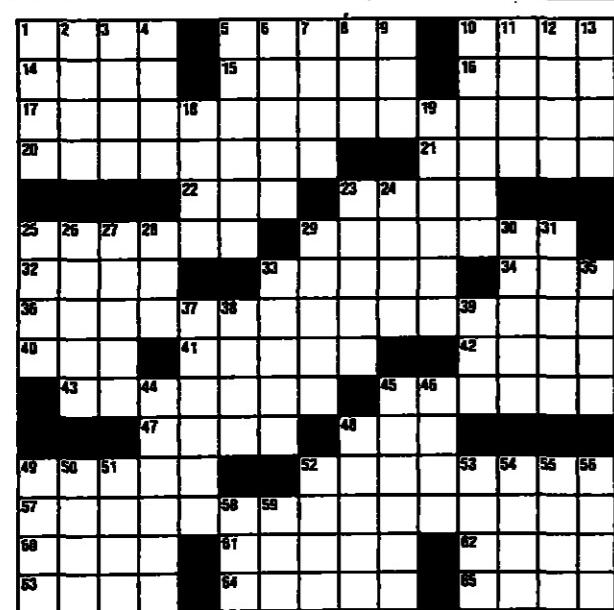
They fear that would make Caroline practically disappear from the public scene. But I don't see why the constitution should be changed. I'm sure that Albert will know how to choose a woman worthy of the role of princess, as his father did. Remember, many citizens thought that a Hollywood star could never live up to her title. Albert will marry a woman Rainier approves of. I hope that he can prolong by a few more years his carefree life-style. I would be just like him."

"I don't think that in the end Caroline will mind," Prisco said. "She wants to have more children — four or five, in all, she has said — and she'll be able to devote all her time to them."

Roger Fouques, 79, a former croupier from Monte Carlo's casino: "It will never be possible to have a ruler better than ours." Maybe Caroline could rule with more maturity, but unlike Albert, she never studied finance or economics. Here you need an iron fist, because there are many who would like to get their hands on this gold mine. Once I heard the prince say, "I'm no prince. I am the chairman of the board of an enterprise called Monaco."

Jules Mathieu, 46, a real estate agent, the most upbeat view: "Rainier is a King Midas. Whatever he touches turns to gold. If there were a Nobel prize for good governing, no one could take it away from him. One day Albert will reign. But I honestly think that the later the better. Albert can keep enjoying life; Caroline can keep playing first lady, and all of us subjects can continue to make money by the paifull."

## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



## GOREN BRIDGE

BY CHARLES GOREN AND OMAR SHARIF  
RUINED BY THE DOUBLE

North-South vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**

♦ J 2  
▽ A Q  
◊ K 8 7 6 3  
♣ 10 9 6 2

**EAST**

♦ Q 9 8 7 5  
♠ Void  
▽ 10 7 6 2  
◊ A 4  
♣ A 5

**SOUTH**

♠ A K 10 6 4 3  
▽ K 4 3  
◊ Q 2  
♣ Q

The bidding:

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	1 NT	Pass
2 ♠	Pass	2 NT	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♠	Pass
Pass	Dbl	Pass	Pass

Opening lead: Two of ♠

Beware of tipping your hand to declarer. On this deal from a national team championship, a West player who had represented the U.S. in international competition could not restrain himself — and suffered the consequences.

Both declarer and West were now down to nothing but five trumps each. A low spade toward the jack sealed West's fate. If he rose with the queen, declarer would be left with four winning trumps between his hand and dummy. But playing the seven proved no better. Dummy's jack won, and a trump, ducked to West, forced him to win and return a trump into declarer's A-K-10 tenace. So declarer lost only one trump trick and the minor-suit aces.

West took his minor-suit aces and continued with a club, which declarer ruffed. After cashing the diamond queen, he played off the king and jack of hearts. East's failure to ruff confirmed declarer's card-reading.

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North was perhaps a trifle aggressive in the auction. In view of the partial misfit, a preference to two spades at his second turn might have been preferable, and certainly a pass of three spades would not have improved his minor-suit aces.

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## Cory to reconcile with Laurel?



Salvador Laurel: willing to work with Aquino again

PRESIDENT Aquino welcomed yesterday a reconciliation with her former political ally Vice-President Salvador Laurel as she urged government officials to work harder to improve the lives of the people.

In keeping with the observance of Holy Week, the President said that she is open to a reconciliation with Laurel.

"Well, I've always said I'm for reconciliation. I want to know how we will bring this about," Aquino.

The President's statement was in reaction to reports that Laurel has indicated a willingness to reconcile with her after a breakup over political and personal differences a few years ago.

Aquino and Laurel's breakup was worsened by the Vice-President's leadership of the opposition group Union for Nationalist Action

## Human rights: no serious problem

By Robert R. Quintina

THE Philippines is not included among the top human rights violators in the world, according to the Commission on Human Rights.

Reporting on his recent trip in Geneva, Switzerland, where a seven-man team attending the 45th session of the United Nations CHR, Commissioner Samuel M. Soriano reported that the country was not included in the blacklist of nations with serious human rights problems.

"Though there are human rights violations in the country, it is not considered a very serious problem and, therefore, it is not an issue," he said.

He said that the non-governmental organisations (NGOs) did not secure a condemnation of the Philippines in both the open and secret session of the commission. The UNCHR only took note of the "sides" or answers of the team on the Philippine situation presented during the session.

Some international human rights groups have claimed that the Philippines is among the top human rights violators in the world. Among these groups are the International Commission of Jurists (ICJ), World University Service, and the Amnesty International (AI).



Imelda Marcos as portrayed by actress Tessie Tomas in the TV docu-drama *A Dangerous Life*, currently being shown on Kuwait television.

## For sale: jewels in Imelda's crown

TWO large boxes of jewellery, worth an estimated P300 million, left behind by Imelda Marcos when she and deposed President Marcos fled to Hawaii in 1986 will be sold by the government.

Chairman Mateo Caparas of the Presidential Commission on Good Government said proceeds from the sale of the jewellery and of several resthouses built by the Marcoses would be used to help finance the agrarian reform programme.

However, Caparas said, the sale of the jewellery and houses would have to be approved first by the Sandiganbayan.

"It's better that we sell the jewellery because the comprehensive agrarian reform programme (CARP) needs the funds and it's difficult to keep the jewels, which could get lost," Caparas told reporters.

**Aquino justifies hiring public relations firms**

PRESIDENT Aquino justified the hiring of at least 15 PR firms for \$1.4 million, saying "every country in the world has a PR firm working for it. It is a matter of getting us a good press."

"We have every reason to do so because there are people who are fighting this government and trying to bring it down through bad propaganda," she added.

The President was reacting to the accusations made by opposition leaders Rene Espina and Homobono Adaza in last Monday's *Kapitan sa Manila* Hotel a weekly

breakfast forum.

President Aquino also denied that the American public relations firm, Sawyer Miller Group (SMG), had worked for her campaign in the snap presidential elections and that SMG arranged meetings with the CIA and Senator Richard Lugar on certain political manoeuvres to be taken.

"No, I would never allow that," she said.

The government "not only had to counter this (bad propaganda) but also to present our side and to make clear to the influential people in Washington and elsewhere what this

government is all about and what we have done during the past three years," she said.

President Aquino said she will also look into reports that Local Government Secretary Luis Santos had been allegedly drawing his monthly salary from Congress even after his appointment to a Cabinet post.

A Commission on Audit (COA) report revealed that Santos, a former Davao representative received a total salary of P102,000 from July to December 1987. COA records, however, showed that his term lasted only from July 27 to September 9, 1987.

## FLASSIK blitz on service



A cash donation is handed over to Celita Saavedra from the Psychiatric Hospital by FLASSIK's Esther Madamba.

FLASSIK also shoulder part of the fare to Manila for Elsa Yabes who is presently at Sulebiya prison awaiting urgent repatriation due to health reasons. The gift was handed over to welfare officer Andy Santos.

Meanwhile, Zeny Tomas, the Filipino nurse who underwent a head operation and radiation treatment left Kuwait on March 17 to join her family in the Philippines. In a recent letter she has expressed her gratitude to the Filipino community here who helped her during her illness and hospital confinement.

Apart from FLASSIK she mentions Aysah Al Saadoun, director of nursing, Al Adan health region. Zeny's personal effects were airfreighted by Boodai Aviation Cargo Division through the courtesy of Samer Darwishi.

FLASSIK invites referrals for their hospital coordinating committee and welfare referral project. Just approach any FLASSIK officer and friend. They're always ready to help and serve the needs of less fortunate Filipinos here.



A group of FLASSIK members outside the Dahiya Abdalla Salem police station with their bags of goodies for the detainees.

Just as it is

## Homeless Filipinos increasing

### Over 10 million affected

By MA. Elena Ang

MANILA, (PNF): The construction boom, which has seen the rise of towering condominiums and mega-shopping malls and is said to be an indicator of economic growth, hardly affects some 10 million Filipinos considered by the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) as "homeless."

To call the 10 million "homeless," however, is putting it very simply. For the definition of a real home by the United Nations Centre for Human Settlements — one "which provides protection from the elements, which has access to safe water and sanitation, which provides for secure tenure and personal safety, which is within easy reach of centres of employment, education and health care, and which is at cost that people and society can afford" — can easily add a few millions more to that category.

The Catholic Bishops' Conference of the Philippines Share and Care Apostolate for Poor Settlers (CBCP-SCAPS) estimates the country's homeless families at 3.5 million families, or around 21 million individuals.

Among the country's urban households, about 60 per cent, and 70 per cent of Metro Manila families, do not own the land on which their houses stand. In addition, some 9.4 per cent of all urban poor households and 7.2 per cent of Metro Manila households have no tenure of their homes.

The urban poor who comprise the bulk of people badly in need of housing and "who

display the most dehumanizing effects of homelessness next only to the pavement dwellers and street people," are also on the rise. A joint survey in 1985 by the Metro Manila Commission and the National Housing Authority (NHA) showed that there are 1,543,817 squatters in Metro Manila and 3,344,048 more in other major cities of the country. With a yearly increase in squatting at 11 per cent, it is estimated that by the year 2000 more than half of Metro Manilans will be squatters.

This runaway housing problem has therefore put extreme pressure on government and private developers to ease the housing demand.

A National Shelter Programme (NSP), though powered by Executive Order 90 to pursue the goal of intensifying efforts "both by the government and the private sector, to produce, finance, deliver and improve shelter for all, especially for the lowest income groups" will have its hands full.

The government Housing and Urban Development Co-ordinating Council (HUDCC) projected last year's need for new houses at 545,000 (53 per cent of which are for rural areas).

For the period 1987-1992, this will mean a need for some 3,376 million new housing units. Government acknowledged it can only provide 40,000 houses or 30 per cent of the housing needs of the urban poor annually. Not even a World Bank shelter sector loan of US\$160 million which is to be used to finance

the construction of 225,000 social housing units for the period 1988-1992 will significantly ease the burden of the poor.

The poor, losers in the recent US\$1.3 billion loan by the World Bank to the government in terms of denied funding for more schools, health centres, water supply, and sanitation facilities, and roads, bridges, ports and airports, understandably cannot afford the costs of housing.

SCAPS notes that while 80 per cent of total housing needs involve poor families, their poverty line incomes constrain them from affording the life-long dream of owning their homes.

With the present national poverty line of P3,282 per month, government statistics show that some 50.64 per cent of Metro Manila households and 36.09 per cent of families in metropolitan areas for priority development face this constraint.

NSP studies also show that the lowest 30 per cent bracket of the population in Metro Manila can afford to shell out P385 monthly for housing. The upper lower class constituting 50 per cent of the population can pay a maximum of P734. The middle class can pay P1,466 and the upper class, P8,067. These assessments are contradicted by studies made by the University of the Philippines Institute for Social Work and Community Development which says only three per cent of the urban poor family's budget is earmarked for housing amortization or rental. (Philippine News and Features)



Preserved for posterity: the Marcos dynasty

### Book Review

## High living in Manila

By Alan Rusbridger

The Marcos Dynasty, by Sterling Seagrave (Macmillan £16.95)

THE FULL inventory may never be made. Pairs of shoes (3,000); bras (500, one bullet-proof); jewels and gold (suitcases of — value \$10 million); art, miscellaneous (purchase price, \$40m — real value \$20m) — this much we know about.

But that was just the petty cash. The real booty is beyond the grasp of any agency, beyond the imaginings of any accountant, beyond any mortal dreams of avarice. There are 4,000 tons of gold bullion somehow, somewhere; and billions upon billions of dollars in honeycombed vaults and accounts throughout the world. There are bucketsful of pearls and diamonds; flats, apartment blocks, office blocks, and boats. This much, at least, we suspect.

The story of Ferdinand and Imelda Marcos is a baroque story of larceny on a staggering scale. At the time of their hurried, undignified exit from Manila in 1986 they were probably the richest couple on earth — and may well remain so. Marcos is reported last year to have offered Cory Aquino \$5 billion in cash to be allowed home: the sum was regarded as derisory.

Marcos was not the most ruthless Third World dictator of recent times, but he nevertheless tortured, murdered, bribed, bombed, drugged, lauded, gambled and bought power for himself and his wife for more than 20 years. Imelda was at first crushed by him, suffering three nervous break-downs.

But after his long-term indiscretion with his mistress, Devie Beams, was revealed (including widely-available tapes of their love-making) Imelda appears to have tilted the marital power balance with a vengeance.

She ended up with a personal airline jetting around the world on her behalf picking up food for banquets, guests for dinners, virgin white sand for beaches and celebrities for parties. When in New York she stayed at the Waldorf with an entourage of 25 at \$1,700 per head per night. She played piano duets with Nixon, danced with Khashoggi, dealt in art with Hammer, was fawned over by diplomats, film stars and presidents.

This binge of greed, on a scale rarely seen since the renaissance city states, is chronicled simply and meticulously by Sterling Seagrave. The more important and impressive dimension lies in the supporting cast list — from American presidents and the Pentagon through an assortment of lesser Western leaders and multinational corporations to a galaxy of mobsters, drug-dealers, mercenaries and financiers.

Their part in sustaining Marcos and his wife while his country disintegrated into poverty and famine and civil war makes the really interesting reading. As interesting, finally, as any inventory.

## AIDS scare in movie circles

MOVIE circles are in a dither over reports that a Brazilian starlet who did some film work here and was romantically involved with some actors has been discovered to be an AIDS carrier.

The starlet has already left the country, but her sex partners are having sleepless nights, wondering if they have been infected with the dreaded disease. Well, take an AIDS test, and find out!

True to form, the starlet wasn't asked to divulge the names of her alleged sexual contacts here. This is the standard procedure to be able to contain the spread of the infection.

Since their identities have not been ascertained, they could go on to have sex with other women, and possibly infect them with the disease without their even knowing it.

These men know who they are. If it is their duty to report to the authorities, take the required tests, and abstain from having sexual contact with others until the negative results of the tests are in.

Who are these men? All that showbiz reports have to offer are "filmed" items: "An actor turned TV host, the son of movie director, an action director, a notorious character," etc.

FRESH from their grand success

of the Hair Science Class, the Association of Filipinos in Kuwait (KAPILKU) added another feather in their cap with their second and third courses for baking and cooking (Asian Dishes) respectively, held on Friday, at the Pullman Hotel. The class was sponsored by Boodai Aviation in Co-operation with the Pullman Hotel.

Orie Olor, Vice-President for Welfare and Special Projects and the chairman of the cooking class

was introduced to the delight of more than 50 enth-

usiastic participants, who were given the additional bonus of tasting the delicious concoctions.

Olor who is also the Executive Chef of the Pullman Hotel, with nine years of experience in the Gulf to his credit, also introduced Filipino food for cooking and demonstrated the proper way to prepare Stuffed Chicken (Relayen Manok) and Stuffed Roasted Beef (Morcon) two popular Filipino dishes.

He also demonstrated decoration techniques like rose tomatoes, red radish garnishes, spring onion curls, a date tree

made of carrots, turnip flower,



The participants of KAPILKU's baking and cooking class at the Pullman hotel. The class was conducted by Orie Olor, the executive chef of the hotel.

and many other ideas and decoration.

Sous Chef A.S.M. Tahir & Pastry chef Rodel Gregorio assisted Olor in the classes.

Basic aids in cooking and guidelines were also presented as well as some cooking tips.

Due to popular demand a special class of Asian dishes will be held next month.

A Certificate of Attendance will be given to all successful participants next month courtesy of the sponsoring company, Boodai Aviation Cargo Division (Mabuhay Philippines Door to Door Service).

## Registration open for hotel class

KAPILKU will hold their long-awaited course on Hotel & Restaurant Operations on Friday, April 7 at the Holiday Inn Hotel (Auditorium) from 1 pm to 5 pm.

The class will run from April 7 through 14, and May 5. Successful participants will be awarded a Certificate of Attendance.

Homer L. Mesina, Vice-President for Media and External Affairs and the chairman of

this project, said that the main objective of this project is to familiarize the participants with the basic operations of the Hotel and Restaurant industry. He

says that the growth in these industries is tremendous and those who might want to venture into this business, will profit from the course.

AVP Lulu Alejo and Pete Nierva are the vice-chairperson and vice-chairwoman respectively.

The first two weeks, that is, from April 7 to 14, will cover Hotel Operations composed of Food and Beverages, Room Division, General Information in Marketing, Advertising, Promotion, Sales and Purchasing.

The second part will take up Restaurant Concepts (Franch-

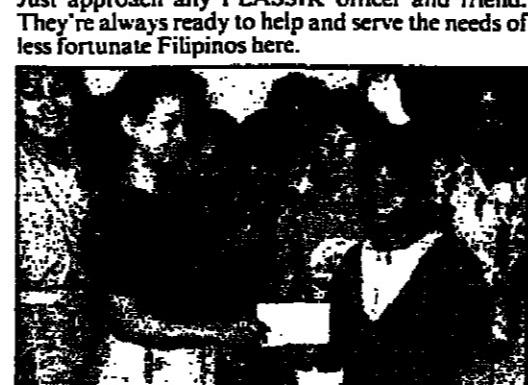
ise & Local), Feasibility Study, Management, Information System and Operations.

For registration and particulars, please contact Sarah Macarimbang on telephone number 4843447.

Admission is free to All KAPILKU members.

All male participants are requested to wear a tie.

The Hotel & Restaurants Operations Class is sponsored by Boodai Aviation, Cargo Division (Mabuhay Philippines Door to Door Service).



Fllassik VP Chary Muceno hands over a farewell gift to Angelita Pagay who will be leaving for Manila after a kidney operation.

## EVENTS

### GOING PLACES

#### A question of reference

By Richard Foltz  
Arab Times staff

STEVE Michael and his Zambezi band gave an incomparable performance Friday evening at the Salmaia Sports Club stadium. The performance was incomparable because, as there has never before been an outdoor concert of non-Arab popular music in Kuwait, there are no precedents to compare it with.

That's probably the level on which Friday's show can most flatteringly be judged. For those who crave reggae and want to hear it live, this may be their best shot. As an outdoor concert, well, it was no Woodstock, but then how could it be?

Given a particular set of circumstances, optimists generally adopt a "do the best you can with what you've got" approach.

The band itself was competent, that is, at least of the calibre it takes to get booked in a Holiday Inn lounge in most countries of the world. Michael's voice didn't always reach pitch, but the soundmen covered for him by cranking the treble range so high through the undersized P.A. system that an average ear could hardly tell the



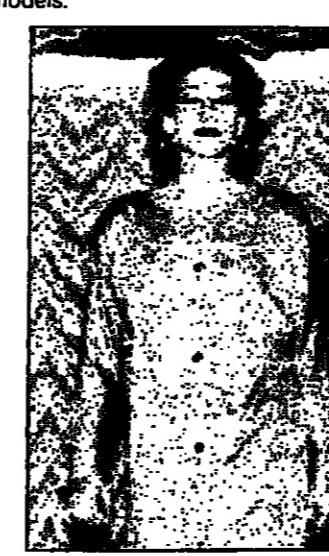
Tapati Ray (fourth left) with some of the models.

#### Fashion bonanza

MORE than 190 women attended last week's fashion show and get-together held by the International Ladies Tea Party at the Holiday Inn Hotel. Colourful costumes, some displayed at previous fashion shows, were shown. They were designed by Fawzia Ayoub, a Pakistani and Tapati Ray, an Indian. A selection of salwar kameezes from Kitty Basin's boutique Bianca were also shown. Twenty one models paraded in casuals and party dresses, made with chiffons, silks and cotton, blending Oriental designs with Western fashion trends. The tea party was organised by Seema Farooqi and Rukhsana Rashid.



Nabila models a salwar kameez designed by Fawzia Ayoub.



An embroidered dress shown from the Bianca collection. (Photos by Javed Aslam)

#### Dancers on the beach

THOUSANDS of Indians had fun on the beach at an open air community folk dance fete held by Thapasya, an Indian group, on Friday at the Messiah Family Beach. It was a dual celebration for Thapasya: their fifth anniversary and the centenary celebrations for Jawaharlal Nehru.

The folk dancers presented a varied show featuring numbers from different regions of India. The folk dances included garba, dandiya (Gujarat), kumbi (Goa) and bhangra (Punjab). Folk dances from Bengal, Tamil Nadu and Kerala were also presented. The classical touch was given by Prameela Surendran and Balu, who presented a Bharata Natyam number.

The festival was opened by Indian Counsellor R.S. Makija.

Above: Balu and Prameela performing a classical dance.



#### Musical nite

SEVERAL local amateur singers and dancers took part in Vishal Group's musical nite held at the Sharq Co-operative Hall on Friday night. Arjun Gehi, who has been taking part in several amateur shows in Kuwait, formed the group to give encouragement to new talent. Pictures show some of the singers and a dancer who participated in Vishal's concert.



#### Cultural evening

A CULTURAL evening was organised by the Bangladesh Association on their country's Independence and National Day. It was held on Friday night at the Labour Union Hall. The variety show featured songs and dances by Bangladeshis. A large number of diplomats and Bangladeshis attended. Pictures show (above) some of the singers who participated in the show; (left) Bangladesh Ambassador K.M. Shehabuddin (right) with Indian Ambassador N.N. Jha (second right) seen with guests.



### WHAT'S ON

#### ARTS

**Sufi Gallery**  
UNTIL April 7: Paintings by Shaker Hussain are on show at the gallery, Thunayan Al Ghani Bldg., Al Soor St., daily from 9 am to 12 noon and 5 to 8 pm.

**Modern Soviet Art**

UNTIL April 6: Modern Soviet art is on show at the Kuwait National Museum. Organised by the Soviet embassy in co-operation with the museum. Open during museum hours.

**Free Atelier Studio**  
UNTIL April 8: A Jordanian art exhibition is open at the

Free Atelier Studio, Gulf St., daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm. The show has been organised by the Jordanian embassy in co-operation with the National Council for Culture Arts and Letters.

**Ghadir Gallery**  
APRIL 2 to 13: Yemeni artist Abdullah Al Amin will show his latest paintings at the Ghadir Gallery, Salihiya Complex. The exhibition will be open from 9 am to 12.30 pm and 4.30 to 8.30 pm.

**Formative Arts Show**  
UNTIL April 5: A formative arts show is being held at the Dahiya, Abdullah Al Salem Gallery. More than 80 paintings by Arab and Gulf artists are on display. Open daily from 8 am to 12 noon and 4 to 8 pm.

#### THEATRE

##### Malayalam Drama

APRIL 7: Gayathri Arts will present their first Malayalam drama "Karutha Purnami" at Indian Arts Circle. Written by Chandran and directed by Nandan Iningalakuda. For entry passes call 5643126.

#### SOCIAL

##### German-Speaking Cultural Association

APRIL 1 (Saturday): The election for the new committee will take place on Saturday, 8 pm, at the Holiday Inn Ballroom. All members are urgently requested to attend.

**St Georges Day**  
APRIL 20: KLT celebrate St

Georges Day at Unity Centre. Ahmadni. Entertainment and refreshments. To join them, call 3983724: 3985964.

#### HOTELS

##### At Messilah Beach

**MUBARAKIYAH** Restaurant: Open 24 hours, buffet breakfast, lunch and dinner and snacks. Sundays: Ladies Day; Mondays: birthday special; Fridays: special buffet "a go go."

##### At the Continental

**GARDENIA:** 7 am to midnight; buffets featuring Arabic, Continental and Indian food. Special buffet for Thursday dinner and Friday lunch. Diner: daily Indian lunch buffet, except Friday; a la carte dinner.

#### At the Holiday Inn

Enjoy Arabian Night in Al Andalus Supper Club on Thursday nights. Friday brunch — fun time for families: games, prizes. Also open to Jaycees Club members.

#### SPORTS

##### L & M Open Team bowling tournament

APRIL 6: 6.30 to 9.30 pm and thereafter every Wednesday and Thursday the open team bowling tournament will be held at Holiday Inn Hotel.

##### Raft Race

APRIL 4: 6.30 pm. A Captain's meeting will be held for Messilah Beach Hotel's third raft race. For details call the hotel, ext. 751.

### TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

#### KTV 1

9.00 Holy Quran  
9.15 Cartoon Serial  
10.00 Al Mubaras: Arabic serial; featuring Mahmoud Saud, Ahmad Mazbar, Safiya Al Omari, Ahmad Maher  
11.00 Al Daktoor: Arabic serial, starring Hayat Al Fahad, Khalid Al Obaid, Tayeba Al Farah, Abdul Aziz Haddad  
12.00 That's Incredible  
12.30 News Summary  
1.05 World News via Satellite/Closedown  
**EVENING**

4.00 Holy Quran  
4.15 World News via Satellite  
4.45 Hikayat Alamiya: cartoon serial  
5.15 Tum Tek and Children  
5.45 Thousand and One Nights  
6.00 Islam Wal Insaan: daily religious serial  
7.00 News Summary

7.15 Nur Al Islam: religious serial

7.50 Diwaniyat Shua'ra Al Nabt: poetry session

8.30 Good Evening

9.00 News in English

9.50 Al Muhamiya: Arabic serial, featuring Firdous Abdul Hamid, Nabil Nur Al Din, Ahsan Qalawi, Ahmad Kharris, Zizi Mustafa

10.45 Variety Show with Lebanese singer Ahmad Duqqan

11.50 News Summary

11.55 World News via Satellite

12.20 Holy Quran/Closedown

6.00 Holy Quran  
6.10 Dennis the Menace: cartoon serial  
6.30 The Animal Express  
7.00 Wonderstruck: a look at the latest innovations

science and technology  
7.30 Life with Lucy: comedy. Lucy wants to prove she is better than her friend

8.00 News in English

8.40 Magnum: "Great Hawaiian Ad" starring Tom Selleck

9.40 Dive to Adventure: documentary

10.00 Perfect Strangers: "Just Desserts," Balki's friends ask him to produce an Italian dessert on a commercial scale

10.30 Best-Seller: "A Dangerous Life," Part 3. Marcos fights back to stop the "reformed officers" rebellion in his Army

11.30 News Summary/Magazine D'Actualite/Holy Quran/Closedown

Please note that programmes and timings are liable to change without notice.

### RADIO PROGRAMMES

#### BBC World Services

0000 Newsdesk  
0030 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)  
0100 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Baby and Soul; 6th A Party of Spectres; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream Contd.  
0200 World News  
0209 British Press Review  
15 The Girl in His Past (ex 2nd The Picture of Dorian Gray)  
30 The Ken Bruce Show  
0300 World News  
0309 News About Britain  
15 From Our Own Correspondent  
30 Screenplay  
0400 Newsdesk  
30 Sing Gospel  
45 Worldbrief  
0500 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 Financial Review  
40 Words of Faith  
45 Letter from America  
0600 Newsdesk  
30 Jazz for the Asking  
0700 World News  
09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary  
30 From Our Own Correspondent  
45 Book Choice  
0800 Waveguide  
0900 World News  
09 Words of Faith

15 The Pleasure's Yours

0000 World News

0209 British Press Review

15 Nature News

30 Financial Review

39 Book Choice

45 Short Story

11.50 News Summary followed by Science in Action

30 To Praise of God

1100 World News

09 Newsdesk Britain

15 From Our Own Correspondent

30 Composer of the Month (ex 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream)

1200 News Summary (ex 23rd) followed by Play of the Week: 2nd and 9th Baby and Soul; 6th A Party of Spectres; 23rd A Midsummer Night's Dream Contd.

1300 World News

09 Twenty-Four Hours: News Summary

30 Sports Roundup

45 Worldbrief

1400 News Summary followed by Science and leadership

30 Anytime Goes

1500 Newsdesk

15 Concert Hall (ex 9th Sports-world)

1600 World News

09 News About Britain

15 Russia — The Drive to Empire

45 Letter from America

#### FM Services

0800 Easy Listening

0830 News

0840 Easy Listening

1000 Songs and Music

1300 Easy Listening

1400 Classical Music

1600 Easy Listening

1700 Latin American Hour

1800 Pop

1900 Heiter Skelter

2130 News

2145 Pop

2200 Jazz Hour

2300 Easy Listening

2400 Instrumental Music

0200 Closedown

#### Urdu

1900 Opening

1910 Behrenz Qail

1916 Programme Preview

1920 Songs

1935 Press Report

1940 Ek Khayal Ek Geet

2000 News

2020 Songs

2040 Geet Kahani

2100 Closedown

### CINEMA TODAY

Al Andalus  
Florida Straits  
Starring: Raul Julia, Farid Ward  
Al Salmiya  
Inner Space  
Starring: Dennis Quaid  
Al Hamra  
Ell'al Amri (Arabic)  
Starring: Ilham Shahin, Mohsin Mohiuddin  
Drive-In  
Amber Al Maut (Arabic)  
Starring: Noor Al Shareef, Afaf Shuaib  
Al Firdous  
Suraj (Hindi)  
Starring: Rajinder Kumar, Vijayantimala  
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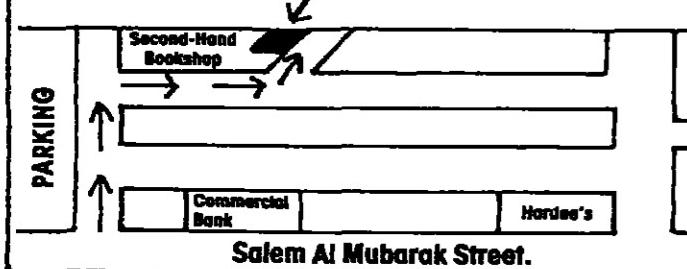
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## England delay naming captain

LONDON, April 1. (Reuter): England's cricket chief yesterday put off naming a captain for the forthcoming Defence of the Ashes against Australia despite holding talks for several hours.

Headed by recently-appointed chairman of selectors Ted Dexter, the new-style England Committee merely said a new captain would be announced ahead of the traditional mid-May date.

They said in a statement after a five-and-a-half-hour meeting that "considerable progress" had been made towards appointing a captain but gave no further details.

Present incumbent Graham Gooch is the least favoured of three players thought to be in contention.

Newspaper reports tip Mike Gatting, axed last year after a wave of publicity over entertaining a barmal in his hotel room, although Dexter is said to favour David Gower who led England to victory over Australia during their last tour here in 1985.

### CTFA to decide Francis' fate

TORONTO, April 1. (Reuter): The Canadian track and field Association (CTFA) will likely announce next week whether it intends to keep Charlie Francis on as a national coach, association board member Bruce Savage said yesterday.

Francis was suspended as national sprint team coach by the association last October after sprinter Ben Johnson was stripped of his Olympic 100 metres gold medal for testing positive for anabolic steroid in Seoul. Francis continues to receive his salary during the suspension.

#### Dismal qualification

Savage said in an interview that the 12-member board discussed an association report into the circumstances of Johnson's Olympic disqualification at a meeting two weeks ago.

Savage said he was not a liberty to discuss details of the meeting but added: "I can say that a decision was made at the meeting. The board agreed on a course of action and these steps are being carried out."

"I would expect that something will be announced by the CTFA next week."

Earlier this month Francis testified at a Canadian inquiry into drug use in amateur sport that 13 of his athletes, including Johnson, had used banned anabolic steroids.

## ACOC closes doors, lays off seven

SAN DIEGO, April 1. (Reuter): The America's Cup Organising Committee (ACOC) that was to have planned the 1991 competition of San Diego closed its doors and laid off seven of nine employees yesterday.

"We're not going to be here Monday. We never suspected we would lose the court case," ACOC spokeswoman Anne Sandison told Reuters.

On Tuesday, New York judge Carmen Ciparick ordered the San Diego Yacht Club to forego sailing's most prestigious trophy, saying that they had violated the spirit of the deed of gift — the 102-year-old document that governs America's Cup competition — and awarded the cup to New Zealand.

Ciparick ruled that last September's races won by San Diego's catamaran against the

## Lendl beats Curren to enter Players' tennis final

MIAMI, April 1. (Reuter): Austrian Thomas Muster severely injured a knee ligament in a freak car accident yesterday and will miss tomorrow's International Players Championship tennis final against Ivan Lendl.

A tournament spokesman said Muster would undergo surgery today for a severely torn medial collateral ligament in his left knee and the prognosis for a full recovery was excellent.

"But we're talking about four to six weeks in a cast and three to four months of rehabilitation," the spokesman said.

Seventh-seeded Muster was injured last night shortly after beating Frenchman Yannick Noah 5-7 6-3 6-2 in the semifinals.

He was removing his tennis kit from the boot of a car when another vehicle struck it head-on, causing the Austrian's car to run over him.

"The car moved backward and I was pushed underneath," Muster said.

Police said the vehicle that hit Muster's car was travelling at about 100 kph.

Muster's injury is a blow to Austria's chances of beating last year's Davis Cup finalists Sweden in their world group quarter-final in Vienna starting on Friday.

Noah, seeded 12th, went the distance three times earlier in the tournament. But the previous marathons took their toll on the Frenchman who failed to stave off Muster's comeback and fell 5-7 6-3 6-2 after three hours and 10 minutes.

"It makes me feel like an old lady when he is jumping around. During the fourth set and in the fifth, he was in control of his serve and all the rallies," said the 28-year-old Noah of his energetic 21-year-old opponent.

"He was making me run a lot and all I could do was try to serve," admitted Noah.

#### Final

Earlier in the day, Lendl breezed into tomorrow's final with a 6-2 6-3 6-1 win over hard-serving American Kevin Curren, the 13th seed. Lendl reached the final without dropping a set.

The Czechoslovak, ranked number one in the world, allowed the South Africa-born Curren only one break point as he dominated the entire match. In the women's final today, top seed Gabriela Sabatini of Argentina will face second-seeded American Chris Evert, who in the five-year history of this tournament has never missed the final. Evert won this two-week event in 1986. Noah played well in winning the first two sets. He opened the second set by taking 11 consecutive points.

But the Frenchman was visibly tired during the last two sets and offered minimal resistance to Muster's passing shots and clearly had problems bending for low shots.

The momentum began to shift toward the Austrian when he broke Noah in the opening game of the third set. He added another break in the fifth game on a Noah



Top seed Ivan Lendl returns a shot from Kevin Curren during their semifinal match. (Reuter wirephoto)

double fault.

As the match moved into the fourth and fifth sets Muster danced around at the baseline between points while Noah struggled to catch his breath.

"I knew he was tired in the fourth set, so I tried to tell myself to keep hitting the ball hard," Muster said. "I was a little stiff in the beginning, but I think I could still play five more sets now."

Muster broke Noah to open

the fifth set and repeated his effort in the fifth game with three cross-court backhand passing shots that left the Frenchman bewildered.

Noah held off two match points — one with an ace and one with a service winner in the seventh game — but watched as Muster aced him on match point in the next game.

## Magnolia Open bowling tournament

THE Philippine Bowling Association in Kuwait (PBAK) is inviting all bowling enthusiasts, member or non-member to join its second tournament of the season, the first Magnolia Open bowling tournament which will start on April 7 until April 21.

All interested parties may register at the Silver Tower's 300 club. PBAK president Rico Pino wished to remind all those who intend to join that participants will be limited to 100 entries and acceptance will be based on first come first serve basis. This tournament will mark the introduction of a new format called Match Play. It is an individual play wherein a player will play against an opponent and the winner of each game will get a bonus of 10 pins which in turn will be added to his final score.

In addition to this new development all new bowlers will be given a handicap of 15 for men and 10 for the women which means that for every game they will have an additional 15 or 10 pins to their score.

Hopefully this will attract all those who are just starting to play the game to try their skills in real competition. For further information please consult the mechanics of the tournament which will be posted at the 300 Club or consult any of PBAK's officers.

Schedule of the games are as follows:

April 7: Starting at 1:00 pm (3-game series) second half of the first round.

April 14: (3-game series) second half of the first round.

April 21: The top 12 with the highest total for both men and women after six games will start from scratch and play another three games to determine the top five for men and top three for women who will play in the step ladder finals on the same day.

The prizes up for grabs for this tournament sponsored by Oriental Trading and Refrigeration Co.

### WBA title fight

NEW YORK, April 1. (Reuter): World Boxing Association (WBA) welterweight champion Mark Breland will defend his title against number one challenger Rafael Pineda of Colombia on April 22, Breland's manager Shelly Finkel announced yesterday.

The fight will take place in Atlantic City.

Breland (23-1-1) had been scheduled to fight fellow American Marlon Starling, the World Boxing Council (WBC) champion on April 15 but Starling pulled out this week with a shoulder injury.

The undefeated Pineda has won 19 of his 20 bouts by knockouts.

## Tiozzo wins super middleweight semifinal

ISSY-LES-MOULINEAUX, France, April 1. (AP): French fighter Christophe Tiozzo beat American James "the heat" Kinchen on a decision yesterday in a ten-round semifinal contest for the World Boxing Council super middleweight title.

The win gives the 26-year-old fighter from the Paris suburb of St. Denis 23 straight victories without a loss. Tiozzo holds a bronze medal from the 1984 Olympics in Los Angeles and is the middleweight champion of Europe.

**Loss**

"I knew it would be a fight of endurance," Tiozzo said after the victory. "Kinchen is too strong a man to send to the mat." Kinchen, 31, was ranked num-

## The Kentucky Kid is back in the saddle

LONDON, April 1. (AP): The "Kentucky Kid" is back in the saddle, and all of England is cheering.

Steve Cauthen has made a triumphant return to the British turf with a 25-length victory on his first day of racing since nearly being crushed in a fall last August.

The Kentucky-born jockey, who has become a national hero during his decade of racing in England, was given a huge ovation by the crowd at Kempton Park outside London and was greeted with "welcome back" headlines in Britain's national newspapers.

One paper exclaimed: "Kemp-ton Park had a Yankee Doodle Dandy flavour about it as Steve Cauthen made a glorious comeback in California-style sunshine."

**Toppled**

Seven months earlier,

Cauthen was lying face down on the Goodwood track in southern England. The filly he was riding, Preciosa, had fallen and rolled over him, and the trailing horse also toppled onto Cauthen. The jockey was taken off the track on a stretcher and did not regain consciousness until he reached a hospital.

Cauthen suffered two small cracks in his neck and missed the rest of the 1988 racing season — in which he was seeking his

fourth English Jockeys' Championship in five years.

His return to racing was welcomed by a nation that has adopted the Walton, Kentucky, and Belmont Stakes in 1978. The previous year he won 487 races.

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Yoshizawa Tsunao, a Mizuno official, confirmed that Rose was paid in cash in Nov 1981. "That was when he was caught, wasn't it?" the magazine quoted Yoshizawa as saying.

On Dec 17, 1986, Reuben Katz, Rose's lawyer, paid a customs fine of \$23,098.77 — half the amount of the money — Si said.

The magazine also quoted for Reds pitcher Ted Power as saying that Reds discussed gambling continually in the Cincinnati Clubhouse.

"Gambling just seemed like the normal thing for Pete to do," Power was quoted as saying. "People expected him to say, 'I was at the track yesterday' or 'yeah, I picked the trifecta.'"

## Bush to throw out traditional first pitch

WASHINGTON, April 1. (UPI): President Bush, accompanied by Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, will throw out the traditional first pitch Monday to open the baseball season for the Baltimore Orioles, federal and local officials disclosed Thursday.

At the White House, Press Secretary Marlin Fitzwater announced that Bush, an avid baseball fan, would attend the season opener Monday against the Boston Red Sox at Memorial Stadium in Baltimore. State officials said the President would be bringing the Egyptian President along with him.

**Sample**

Bush, in his first of an upcoming series of talks with Middle East leaders, is scheduled to meet

earlier in the day at the White House with Mubarak, who is in the United States on an official working visit. He hosts a dinner for him Tuesday night.

Bush's invitation to Mubarak to sample American culture, though maybe a first for the Middle Eastern leader, is not without precedent for the president. Last summer, he escorted Kuwait's Crown Prince Sabah to the all-star game July 12 at Cincinnati's Three River Stadium.

White House officials said Bush, who won number 2 while playing baseball at Yale, also has thrown out the first pitch on at least six other occasions, though never as president. He opened the season last year for the New York Mets-Montreal Expos matchup.

"Two other sources close to

the investigation said last week

that the signals between Janszen and Rose didn't involve placing new wagers on games but related to updates on the scores of games in progress at a time early in the 1987 season when the stadium scoreboard was not working," Si said.

Rose denied exchanging any signals with Janszen. "You can check the scoreboard has never worked," Rose was quoted as saying.

However, Jon Braude, the Reds' director of information, told the magazine that the main stadium scoreboard, which provides updates from other games, was out of order from April 17 to May 28 in 1987.

Meantime, Si said it was told by a senior US customs official that Rose was investigated at least twice for currency violations in 1981, according to the

magazine. Rose failed to declare the cash he had received from Mizuno, a Japanese sporting goods company that he endorses.

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is now the 12th manager hired by owner George Steinbrenner in this decade; by comparison, the Dodgers have made a total of 12 managerial changes since 1910.

The Yankees' moves, obviously, are the most. Lasorda and Detroit's Sparky Anderson are the only managers who have been in the same dugout for the entire eighties. Whitey Herzog took over the Cardinals during the 1980 season and stayed there.

"People keep picking us to finish poorly and we keep winning," said Anderson, who has guided the only team without a losing season this decade. "Over the last few years, the last laugh belonged to us. And that's the way we'll keep it."

Schmidt, trying to recover from shoulder surgery at age 39, also has been a model of consistency.

#### Leads

He leads in homers with 307, trailed by Murray at 254 and Dale Murphy with 232. Schmidt has driven in 901 runs, second to

Murray's 908, followed by Dave Winfield's 899 and Murphy's 845.

Rickey Henderson is a sure double-winner. He has 761 stolen bases (Tim Raines is at 542 and Wilson at 427) and scored 1,009 runs, far ahead of Youn's 856.

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## Harper leads Mavericks past Pacers in NBA action

NEW YORK. April 1. (AP): Derek Harper scored 29 points, including a layup that tied the game at 1:37 to go, as the Dallas Mavericks beat the Indiana Pacers 105-102 yesterday and snapped the National Basketball Association's longest current losing streak at 12 games.

The victory was the Mavericks' first during their current four-game road trip and halted the franchise's longest losing streak since 1981.

After Harper's basket, a free throw by LaSalle Thompson, who finished with 23 points and 12 rebounds, put Indiana ahead 98-97.

But the Mavericks used four straight free throws from Sam Perkins and Rolando Blackman to take the lead for good 101-98 with 43 seconds remaining.

Bernard King celebrated his new two-year contract by scoring 30 points to lead the Washington Bullets to their 12th straight victory, 107-105 over the Portland Trail Blazers.

Dominique Wilkins scored 31 points and Moses Malone 27 even though both sat out the final quarter as the Atlanta Hawks beat the New Jersey Nets, 116-99.

Charles Barkley's 24 points and 15 rebounds led the Philadelphia 76ers in a 114-93 rout of the Miami Heat.

Kevin McHale, sidelined for the previous three games with a right foot injury, scored 30 points as the Boston Celtics went four games over .500 for the first time this season, beating the Houston Rockets 126-109.

Mark Price and Ron Harper combined for nine points during a 16-7 Cleveland run late in the fourth quarter as the Cavaliers ended the Chicago Bulls' six-game winning streak with a 109-105 victory.

Mitch Richmond scored 37 points, six of them during a decisive 12-run late in the fourth quarter, and Chris Mullin added 34 points for the Golden State Warriors, the only team in the NBA the New York Knicks didn't beat this season. Final score: Warriors 134, Knicks 114.

## I.A.C. Badminton Tournament

SANJAY Sharma, Mathew Jacob, Geku George and Suman Sharma moved on to semifinals in Junior Boys' Singles event in the I.A.C. Badminton Tournament sponsored by P.K. Merwala and Jashanmal and Partners with additional prizes offered by Lipton Tea Company and Adidas.

### Today's fixtures

7-8 pm. Women's singles: Reeny Tharion vs Asha Kutty; Susan Jacob vs Reeny John.

Boys' singles: Sanjay Sharma vs Mathew Jacob; Geku George vs Suman Sharma.

8-9 pm. Women's doubles: Reeny Tharion and Suja Varghese vs Asha Kutty and Viji Kutty; Shobha Nair and Roshin vs Accamma Rajan and Susan George.

9-10 pm. Couples' doubles: Mrs and Mr Varghese Joseph vs Mrs and Mr Daniel and Mrs and Mr Edwin vs Mrs and Mr Louis Gonzales; Mrs and Mr Madhu Nair vs Mrs and Mr Jacob Mathews.

## Bucksands beat Ahmadi

BUCKSANDS Golf Club beat the Ahmadi Golf Club in the second leg of their annual friendly match on Friday.

The weather was good and the field of the players produced good quality golf. Conners of Ahmadi shot a gross 74 while 14-year-old Rayan Brossard of Bucksands netted 68. The day marked two events.

It was the last match for Jim Welch who is returning to the US after 11 seasons while Josh Tharp came from retirement in California to rescue his home club after leaving it for 11 seasons.

Although Ahmadi won the first leg of this contest by 12 matches to 9, Bucksands took the trophy on aggregate of 21 matches to 15. Andrew Hill, Ahmadi captain, congratulated Bucksands for their first win over Ahmadi and presented the trophy to Jamal Barzanji, the Bucksands president.

Inside competition honours were evenly divided. Chris Poplar (Ahmadi) won closest to the pin for men and Sigrid Suwars (Ahmadi) won the longest drive for ladies. Joyce Austin (Bucksands) won closest to the pin for ladies and Bob Grimstead (Bucksands) won the longest drive for men.

Arsenal meet Manchester United today

## Liverpool beat Norwich to move closer to title

LONDON. April 1. (Reuters): Defending champions Liverpool, timing their late-season charge to perfection, beat title contenders Norwich 1-0 away today to move to within two points of English League leaders Arsenal.

A first-half strike by their captain and Ireland midfield international Ronnie Whelan was enough to secure Liverpool's seventh consecutive First Division victory which enabled them to leap-frog Norwich and move into second place.

Arsenal, who play Manchester United at Old Trafford tomorrow in a match to be televised live, have 59 points while Liverpool are on 57 and third-placed Norwich on 56. All three teams have eight games left.

### Denied

Local police denied that Clough had been asked to vacate the directors' box after his first verbal outburst in front of guests who included the Lord Mayor of London, and apparently insisted it was his own decision to retire to the dressing room.

Early goals from Lawrie Sanchez and Paul Miller gave Wimbleton the upper hand but striker Nigel Clough, the manager's son, pulled one back after 31 minutes. However, late strikes by John Fasth and Sanchez sealed the home side's success.

Everton also scored four times to brighten their moderate season by hammering Queen's Park Rangers 4-1 at home.

Wayne Clarke and Kevin Sheedy, from the penalty spot, put them 2-0 ahead in the first half and after Mark Falco pulled a goal back, with a 53rd minute spot kick, Everton strode to victory with further goals from Tony Cottee and Trevor Steven.

### Results

**English Division One**

Aston Villa	5	Barnsley	3
Hull	1	Portsmouth	1
Leeds	3	Bournemouth	0
Leicester	1	Oxford	0
Oldham	1	Bradford	1
Shrewsbury	2	Crys Palace	1
Stoke	2	Plymouth	2
Sunderland	2	Birmingham	2
Swindon	1	Notts Forest	2
Walsall	0	Blackburn	1
Watford	3	West Brom	0
		Coventry	0
		Wimbledon	2
		Derby	1
		Aldershot	2
		Bristol Rovers	1
		Blackpool	0
		Huddersfield	6
		Bristol City	1
		Chester	0
		Bolton	0
		Cheshire	0
		Swansea	1
		Gillingham	1
		Northampton	0
		Mansfield	1
		Wolves	1
		Wigan	1
		Preston	4
		Port Vale	0
		Sheffield U.	2
		Southend	0
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		Wrexham	0
		Leeds	3
		Hartlepool	2
		Doncaster	2
		Derby	3
		Cardiff	1
		Rochdale	2
		Torquay	2
		Crew	1
		Colchester	3
		Stoke	0
		Lincoln	5
		Stockport	0
		Rotherham	0
		Scarborough	1
		Halifax	1
		Scunthorpe	2
		Doncaster	1
		Bradford	1
		Wrexham	0
		Sheffield U.	0
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		Warrington	0
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